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WHAT HAPPENED?

Mob rule

Some 2,000 registered voters live in Precinct 9 in the Town of Brookline, Massachusetts, and on election day six years ago, 224 of them tugged a lever next to a paper tag reading "Benjamin R. Birnbaum" and with this mild nudge sent me off on my career as a politician or—as I prefer to say—an elected official.

The elected official that I am is a Town Meeting member, which may be the least significant variety of elected official that there is. In my own precinct I am one of 15, and in my town one of 240 who constitute a ragtag legislature that meets over a brace of evenings twice a year in the high school auditorium.

There we argue with selectmen, amend bylaws any way we like, vote tens of millions in appropriations in less time than it takes to calculate a 15 percent tip on lunch for two, listen to sodden reports from subcommittee chairs, debate warrant articles, cast harbs at one another from the floor microphones, cast aspersions on the abilities of various town employees, torture Robert's Rules, admonish the moderator, and read magazines or paperbacks that we've placed on our knees, safe from the prying cameras of local access television (as though we believe anyone is watching us in preference to the *Law and Order* reruns that A&E has cleverly counter-programmed).

Thomas Jefferson once described New England town governance as "the wisest invention ever devised by the wit of man for the perfect exercise of self-government." The Great Sphinx spoke, of course, from the safety of his Virginia hilltop. There was no likelihood that he would ever be called upon to sit through Brookline Town Meeting's discussions of appropriate decibel limits for gas-powered leaf blowers, the vital importance of declaring our town a nuclear-free zone, the question of whether weeping willows are a rapacious weed or God's particular gift to our parks, or the moral propriety of offering a tax break to home owners without offering a similar deal to apartment dwellers (who, however—and here's the darned ontological rub—pay no direct taxes to the town).

But let's give Jefferson and town meetings their due. The institution was not designed to amuse or inspire or enliven, but to accomplish the slow, cumbersome, and generally unentertaining business of moving forward with a majority of

the passengers on board.

Not all Founding Fathers thought homegrown legislatures a good idea. "Had every Athenian citizen been a Socrates, every Athenian assembly would still have been a mob," James Madison wrote, arguing that legislative gatherings in America would inevitably be riddled with "members of limited information and of weak capacities."

Clearly, Madison—though also a lifelong Virginian—had observed a New England town meeting sometime in his life and taken notes. Sentimentality, forgetfulness, emotion, stubbornness, grudge-settling, and ignorance are hallmarks of town meeting life and speech. Amateurism is the rule: Witness the fact that I, who require the help of my wife to understand the legal notice on a mattress tag, for two years served as chair of a Brookline Town Meeting subcommittee that was charged with offering leadership and guidance on zoning law. But so what?

Somehow it holds together, this magpie's nest of millionaires, Rotarians, single mothers, shopkeepers, essayists who declaim on setback requirements, lawyers who want to save willow trees, and the odd Menshevik or two. "The just and the unjust," Emerson noted sourly about Concord Town Meeting. Somehow it pulls well enough, this engine of odd gears, sparking wires, worn pistons, and squeaky wheels.

Eminence does not show particularly well here. In fact, deep thinkers and masterful orators are about as influential at town meeting as they are on the third-grade playground. I know, for example, of no speech to Brookline Town Meeting in the past six years (including about 25 of my own) that I can say single-handedly succeeded in turning a vote one way or another. Mostly, one might as well be speaking forcefully to an empty hall, as our federal legislators do at every opportunity that C-SPAN affords them.

Once a few years ago, I think I did manage to turn a vote with a speech—or at least such must have been the perception from the floor, because upon stepping away from the microphone I was immediately met by a delegation of those whose proposal I had just declared unjust, depraved, false, un-American, and likely illegal. "Will you support a compromise?" they asked. I did not even hesitate.

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WRITERS' BLOCK

"Comparative lit," by Anna Marie Murphy [Spring 2000], prompted some reflections about the *Stylus* in the '30s and one of its editors, the late Felix Doherty. While at the college, Felix wrote "The King's Servant," a play based on the life of Sir Thomas More. It was later produced Off-Broadway.

About 10 years ago a letter-writer scolded the *New York Times* for mistakenly attributing a line Paul Scofield recited to Robert Bolt's play, "A Man for All Seasons." "That line," the letter said, "is actually from my play 'The King's Servant.'" It was written by Felix Doherty.

Both of us later wondered how a line by Felix got into Scofield's memory. Felix was one of the best poets to contribute to the *Stylus* anthology that came out in 1950.

HERBERT A. KENNY '34
Manchester, Massachusetts

I was amazed and delighted to read that the *Stylus* editors are assembling an anthology of the past 50 years. I was not so amazed to see they're having difficulties with the '50s, when rubbers safeguarded shoes and a bivouac would not be confused with pastry from Starbucks.

To try to shed a little light on another item mentioned: You're right, our literary voices did tend to be older, or at least adult. The reason was, that's how we saw ourselves. In my senior year, '58, the last wave of Korean-conflict vets was going through on the GI Bill. They'd been there and back; they knew what they wanted and weren't fooling around. This made it hard for us non-vets to act our age. So we all tended to act world-

weary, hip, existential, and cool.

ED HANNIBAL '58
New York City

OUR TIME

I was delighted by your profile of Amy Poehler ["Winging it," Works & Days, Spring 2000]. America—and, I imagine, the rest of the world—is now finding out what BC undergraduates knew throughout the early 1990s: Amy Poehler is not only extremely funny, she is also a remarkably inventive and challenging comic. The piece made me realize that our generation is now coming of age, professionally and personally.

DENNIS K. SCHAEFFER '93
Buffalo, New York

TALENT SCOUT

Congratulations to the OTE Program ["Basic training," Spring 2000]. But I was offended by the few paragraphs discussing OTE's predecessor, the Black Talent Program. It's a shame that you could find hardly anything good to say about it. You would think from the article that it produced no talented black graduates and that the student leaders were of no benefit to numerous disadvantaged young people who would not have become BC students without the Black Talent Program. As a journalist I am particularly disgusted by one-sided articles. OTE deserves its place in the history of Boston College, but trashing the Black Talent Program was unnecessary.

DOXIE A. MCCOY '77
Washington, D.C.

Ben Birnbaum replies: Our story noted that the Black Talent Program's six-year graduation rate was only 16 percent. This does not mean that Black Tal-

ent "produced no talented black graduates," but only that for each one it produced—like Ms. McCoy, who is a reporter and producer with Black Entertainment Television Network—it washed out six to whom it had also extended an opportunity to earn a BC degree. For the 16 percent, that constituted success, clearly. For the program, however, it constituted failure.

LIFELINES

I read the E-mail letters of JoJo David ["Hello my friends," Spring 2000] with interest. Although I was happy to discover that JoJo successfully fought his battle against lymphoma, I was disappointed that no sources were provided for additional information about this disease. The Dana-Farber Cancer Institute (danafarber.com) and the Cure for Lymphoma Foundation (cfl.org) post a wealth of information on their Websites.

JOANNE CORMACK '88
Quincy, Massachusetts

Booked: We are pleased to note the publication of books by two *BCM* contributors. *Afterimage*, a study of Catholic-American film directors by fine arts faculty member Richard Blake, SJ, contains an essay on Frank Capra first published here. *Illuminations*, a compilation of historical photographs from the Boston Gas Company, was written by former staff writer Suzanne Keating, whose essay on those photographs, which reside in the Burns Library, first appeared in *BCM*.

BCM welcomes letters from readers. Letters may be edited for length and clarity, and must be signed to be published. Our fax number is (617) 552-2441; our E-mail address is birnbaum@bc.edu.



LINDEN LANE



LEE PELLEGRINI

Goose dogs Blaze, left, and Tucker, watching for avian trespassers.

Dog day afternoon

THE NEWEST THING IN FACILITIES MAINTENANCE

It was nearly noon, and Tucker was fast asleep. His partner, Blaze, was on the sidelines, zealously chasing down a maroon cocktail napkin.

English setters Blaze and Tucker work the day shift at Shea Field, the complex of practice fields across from the Chestnut Hill Reservoir. The dogs' job is to chase off a flock of 200 or so Canada geese that have taken up residence, making a mess of the fields. "These are not migrating geese," says Norman Reid, who oversees the maintenance of BC's athletic facilities, coaches the

sailing team, and supervises Blaze and Tucker. "Before the dogs came, the geese loved it here. It was like a hotel. They had the reservoir across the street to swim in, and then they'd come over here to eat and sleep."

As I watched one day, a BC grounds employee I shall call Foie Gras (he didn't want his name in print) pried a bottle cap out of the mud with his thumbnail and extemporized on a subject he seemed to know well: droppings, whether left by geese or tailgaters. He gestured with his foot toward a couple of dried-out goose turds, and then pointed out a few fresh ones a couple of yards away. "How'd you like to slide into that stuff?" he asked.

"Look up," he said. A flock of pigeons was skirting the field. "As long as those dogs are here, even the pigeons won't come near the place." But Blaze and Tucker get off at 3 P.M., Foie Gras said, and the minute they leave, the geese flock back. "They're not stupid. The birds have been coming here for generations."

A few years ago Reid read in *Turf* magazine that golf courses were using border collies to run geese off the fairways, but the BC athletics administration balked at the \$3,000 price tag for a dog actually *trained* to chase geese. So,

says Reid, "I figured why not use bird dogs? I said, 'OK, I'll buy a dog myself and bring him to work with me.'"

That was Tucker, who is now two-and-a-half. Tucker did well, but when he went on vacation with the family the geese returned, so Reid persuaded the new management to spring for Blaze last summer. That did the trick. "We've moved that herd [of geese] down to St. John's now," Reid says.

Blaze was set up with a proper kennel and doghouse, with pillows in white eyelet cases, under the stadium parking garage. There was talk last fall of using him as a football mascot, and of a contest to rename him (Dog Flutie was top seeded), but in the end Blaze, the name the breeder gave him, stuck.

Geese are extremely productive, notes Reid. A single bird can produce a pound of droppings a day. "Pound, pound-and-a-half," he says. Before the dogs came, his staff had to remove more than 200 pounds of goose droppings a day from the fields so the football team could practice. "We used a lawn sweeper, and the guys would have to wear raincoats. It was very unhygienic.

"The guys," Reid says, "love Blaze and Tucker."

Charlotte Bruce Harvey

DEATH WHEN I WAS EIGHT

By Meaghan Mulholland

Death when I was eight
was mice and snakes the cat left,
bloated trophies on porch steps;
a fish that floated
gape-mouthed and rainbow-scaled
on Pine Pit;
my hamster, quiet in a corner
of her cage;
a mama raccoon, buzzing with
flies in the hot gravel road.
Death was a framed photo
of my black-and-white grandmother.
I cried then because I saw things as they were,
still and soundless,
and couldn't imagine them any other way.
When I hear today the news of my friend

I think of the lilac petals
under our feet when we
walked in Cantigny Park.
She once gave me
a tin of fortune cookies, and we laughed
when we realized
each had the same message inside,
laughed at the idea that
the same future lay ahead of everyone
in a trail of fading flowers,
in broken bits of cookie
and paper.

An English major concentrating in creative writing, Meaghan Mulholland '01 plans to write a collection of short fiction for her senior thesis. A version of this poem first appeared in BC's undergraduate literary magazine the Stylus.

MS. LONELYHEARTS

Advice with attitude



Senior Katie Herrick as herself. For a year she fielded letters to the student paper's anonymous "Dear Kate."

PASTORAL SUCCESSION

Mary Ann Hinsdale, IHM, chairman of Religious Studies at the College of the Holy Cross, will be the new director of BC's Institute of Religious Education and Pastoral Ministry. She succeeds Claire Lowery, who is retiring. The IREPM serves 500 students a year, offering a master's degree with concentrations in such fields as pastoral counseling, church leadership, and youth ministry.

WANT AD

The McMullen Museum of Art is seeking volunteers to assist with outreach to schools, community groups, parishes, and alumni clubs. The museum is also looking for help with hospitality at special events and for bilingual (English/Spanish) tour guides. A commitment would involve approximately three days a month during the school year. Contact Nancy Joyce at (781) 235-5762.

WALL STREET CONNECTS

The Carroll Graduate School of Management has established a fellowship program that combines a full scholarship with one-on-one mentoring from an investment banking or finance executive. Four M.B.A. students this year will be named Wall Street Executive Fellows. They will match up with Geoffrey T. Boisi '69, Beacon Group chairman and CEO; Donald C. Cacciapaglia, managing director and CEO of the Investment Banking Division of PaineWebber; Charles I. Clough '64, former chief investment strategist for Merrill Lynch; and Peter S. Lynch '65, vice chairman of Fidelity Management and Research.

"Dear Kate," began a letter in the advice column of the Boston College student newspaper, *The Heights*. "This girl that I've been dating wants to take me home to meet her parents. The idea of spending my only free time kissing up to her folks doesn't interest me. I'm really into this girl. . . . How do I get out of this?" The author declined to sign his name, opting for the handle "Weekend Warrior."

Kate's reply, typically, left little to interpretation. First came the knock upside of the

head: "Warrior? How about 'weekend wimp'?" she began. Then came the cold splash of reality: "It sounds like [your girlfriend] wants this relationship to speed along. And honestly, I don't think you should go if you're not up to it." Finally, the swift boot to the posterior: "Prepare for her disappointment. Then reflect on this decision as an aspect of your personality."

For a year starting in January 1999, BC students turned to Kate (like "Warrior," she kept her identity secret) and

her column "For Crying Out Loud" for a peek at the problems of others and for common-sense prescriptions wrapped in tough talk. So you want to know if your roommate and your boyfriend are cheating on you? Ask yourself, said Kate:

1. When he enters your room, does he sit on your bed or hers?
2. Do they casually touch each other in strange places?

The checklist went on. If the answers are not to your liking, Kate said, "You may

have a Dylan/Brenda/Kelly, 90210-type situation on your hands." The solution: Get out. "Don't fight for him." It wasn't long before young men on campus were complaining that Kate was being too hard on the brethren.

One day last spring, I scanned student faces in the Starbucks at McElroy, looking for someone who fit the image of the man-eating, no-nonsense dame that would likely be Kate—with whom I had an appointment. I was met instead by a slender blond from upstate New York, Katie Herrick, a senior in the Lynch School of Education. In another era, Herrick might have been called a pert coed. She'd brought a little box of corn pops to our interview, and she dipped into it from time to time while speaking pleasantly and thoughtfully about the job of

providing advice to the campus.

Kate's first queries were coaxed from friends, she said, and it was awhile before letters arrived unsolicited. "I think people were very apprehensive about writing to the school paper," says Herrick. "It's such a small school, the minute you say you're a sophomore, everyone tries to guess who you are."

Given the tone and problems of some correspondents, Herrick is certain a few students simply wanted to see their words in print. (Consider this letter from Lazy Boy: "Dear Kate, . . . I am studying abroad for the semester . . . It's sunny everyday, the students here are better looking than at BC, and I have a huge single bedroom . . . Is there any way I can make a smooth transition back to BC?") Other letter-writers, however, broached such issues as eating disorders,

heavy drinking, failing grades, and feelings of isolation.

"I treated every letter like it was real," says Herrick. "The column was entertaining—that's why readers came back—but it wasn't a joke." In fact, Kate became a champion of the humiliated, the shy, and the lonely. "Hold your head high," she admonished one bashful young man. "Put your pride aside and start conversations," she urged another student, whose friends had all gone abroad. (As for Lazy Boy, she proposed that he find a serious summer job.) Occasionally, Herrick recognized a letter-writer. She thinks her parents sent one letter ("Dear Kate, . . . Our daughter has informed us that in her senior year she intends to reside in the notorious 'MODS'! [Having heard] about the 24-hour per day social activities in these 'MODS,' we

are very concerned"). And she's pretty sure a male acquaintance who knew nothing of her secret identity was behind a love note to the advice columnist. "I'm not really like Kate," says Herrick. When friends come to her for advice, she says, she normally pats them on the back and sympathizes for awhile.

Midway through her senior year, Herrick found herself turning to her hard-nosed fictional counterpart for counsel, bemoaning in one letter the waning of her college years and signing herself *Psyched but Sorrowful Senior*. Kate, as always, knew what to say: "Quit this pity party! Keep the friends, savor the memories." In the fall, Herrick will be looking for a job in journalism in New York City.

Anna Marie Murphy

BRAVO—June Gary Hopps acknowledges the applause of graduates and their families on May 22, her last commencement as dean of the Graduate School of Social Work. Hopps served as dean for 24 years, and helped elevate the GSSW to rank among the top 20 social-work graduate schools in the country. The faculty is among the top 10 for scholarly publications, and this year set a record for sponsored research, with more than \$800,000 in grant awards. Hopps plans to finish a book on the challenges of social work in the new millennium, and to devote more time to her position as chairwoman of the board of Spelman College, her alma mater.



LEE PELLEGRINI

The rule

GEORGE V. HIGGINS: 1939–99

After we graduated from Boston College, class of '61, George and I lost touch with each other, each of us going his own way in the long, stumbling, sometimes near-destitute apprenticeship required to become a writer. But we met up again as published writers, and each time he came to London for a book launch or I went to Boston for the same, we went, with his wife, Loretta, for meals in restaurants we could now afford. George had a rule: Whoever had had a book published most recently paid the bill. As he published many more books than I did, it was almost always George who paid; if I protested, he, shaking his head, said, with what I recognized as his absoluteness, "No, it's the rule."

George used to like to say that he was, in fact, my first editor, and so he was when he was chief editor of the *Stylus*, to which I submitted my first, tentative stories. George not only edited my amateur stories, he also pressed me into designing some of the magazine's jackets; one in particular he liked: a frieze of delicately silhouetted antelope prancing across a band of orange.

Shortly after George died last fall, I was in Boston. Both to have lunch with Fr. Sweeney, who had been a mentor of the *Stylus* in our time, and to have a look around the campus, I went to Boston College. With its massive expansion, only a small number of buildings—St. Mary's Hall, Bapst Library, Gasson Hall—did I remember. Thinking of George, it occurred to me that there must have been a photograph of the editors and contributors of the *Stylus* in the yearbook of '61, and I found my way to the special collections in Burns Library, at the back of Bapst, where an undergraduate gave me a copy. Sitting beside a sunlit window, I slowly turned the pages, and came across this photograph.

In the small office of the *Stylus*, George is sitting back, with total self-confidence, in the midst of his staff, one bare foot exposed to the camera. I am standing behind Marty Nolan,



The *Stylus*, 1961: Higgins reclines below the man with the umbrella. Author Plante is at top left, in three-quarter profile.

who wrote, on George's death, a moving piece about him for the *Boston Globe*. One of the magazine's contributors is dressed as a waiter, another sports a straw hat and cane, and another an open umbrella.

Back in London, where I live, I looked into old cardboard boxes at the back of a cupboard to find copies of the magazine from that time. Opening them was opening up memories of almost 40 years ago. What struck me most, in the January 1961 issue, was a story of George's called "For Love Is a Feather," which is about the love affair between a lighthouse keeper and an outcast woman. A recurring image is of a gull trapped in the lighthouse, abandoned years after the affair. I recall mentioning this story, or novella, to George at one of our restaurant meals years later and his comment—made, again, with high-pitched absoluteness—that it was "adolescent self-indul-

gence." But, now rereading "For Love Is a Feather," when I come across such passages as:

She would recall when she had first seen the beacon, when she had come there with Lawrence, and how pleased they had been when the selectmen had decided to renovate it and hire a man to run the light; she would remember how clear it had been the night it was relighted, and the evenings she had sat with Lawrence and her son on the front porch, watching it turn, dusting the shore and the sea with light. How many nights, she thought, how many nights.

I see, in prose that swoops and rises to high, lyrical lifts, that George was always a writer, and that even in his later prose, all too obviously characterized by critics as hard-edged and hard-hitting, there is a swoop and a rise to moments of great beauty.

David Plante

Novelist David Plante '61 is currently working on a memoir.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

James D. Erps, SJ, former director of campus ministry at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles, has been named director of BC's campus ministry. While at Loyola, Erps was instrumental in setting up immigration and family-law clinics within inner-city parishes. He succeeds Richard Cleary, SJ, who is retiring. In his 11 years of service, Cleary oversaw the launch of the 48 Hours freshman retreat, the Urban Immersion and 4Boston programs, and the Ignacio Volunteers. Also departing the office of the chaplaincy is Musician-in-Residence Laetitia Blain, after 25 years at BC. Blain was responsible for the music at University Masses, and founded the Boston College Madrigals.

IRISH HELMSMAN

BC's Irish programs will have their first executive director this fall with the arrival of Thomas E. Hachey. Former dean of Marquette University's College of Arts and Sciences, Hachey is coauthor of *The Irish Experience* (1989). He will hold an endowed chair and coordinate the work of such programs as Irish Studies, the Irish Institute, and the Irish Collections at the Burns Library.

DELTA DUSK

Project Delta, BC's four-year cost-cutting, administrative reorganization initiative, ended on schedule in June. Among its achievements: creation of the information system Agora and a new Student Services Center. According to Executive Vice President Frank B. Campanella, who headed the effort, BC realized \$3 million in savings during the past fiscal year alone thanks to Delta, and the University could accumulate as much as \$50 million in savings by 2006. Although a number of jobs were cut, no employees were laid off.

THE SUPREME

Moot court competitors face an alpha judge



Second-year law student Denis Cleary faces Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia (center), U.S. Court of Appeals judge Sandra Lynch, and U.S. District Court judge Paul Barbadoro in the annual Grimes Moot Court Competition.

"Oyez, Oyez, Oyez," announces a bearded third-year law student to an audience that has packed the large lecture hall in BC Law's modern East Wing. "All persons having business before the honorable Supreme Court of the United States, give attention." As the assembly rises, three august individuals in judicial robes silently make their way to a table at the front.

The first, a delicate, kindly looking woman, is the Honorable Sandra Lynch, a judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit and a for-

mer adjunct BC Law faculty member. The third, a gray-haired man with chiseled features, is the Honorable Paul Barbadoro JD'80, Chief Judge of the U.S. District Court for New Hampshire. But it is the judge in the middle, a broad man with a bullish face and a reputation for brilliance and individuality, who commands the crowd's attention. On this mid-April afternoon, before an audience of some 550 classmates, professors, family members, and visiting dignitaries, four second-year law students will make their

case to a bench headed by the Honorable Antonin Scalia, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. The students are finalists in the law school's Wendell F. Grimes Moot Court Competition, and, as one of them says, "If you don't feel alive" at this moment, "you don't have a pulse."

Wearing dark suits, the finalists wait in front of the judges, behind two small tables on either side of a lectern. The team of Patrick Manzo and Briana Thibau is set to argue first; they will be

followed by Denis Cleary and Whitney Roberts. Thibeu, her face taut, drums her fingers and looks over her notes. Manzo surveys the scene, a slight smile crossing his face from time to time. Before coming to BC Law, just a few years out of college, Manzo coordinated and planned operations for a squadron of surface combat vessels as a U.S. Navy lieutenant. He seems alert and calm.

"Counsel for the petitioners, Ms. Thibeu and Mr. Manzo, are you ready?" asks Scalia, peering over the top of his glasses. Manzo replies, "We are, Your Honor."

The hypothetical case has been crafted with Scalia in mind. Manzo and Thibeu represent a school district in the fictitious state of Grimes that, in accordance with a newly enacted state law and in order to improve education, has created single-sex academies and a tax-funded voucher system whose beneficiaries include religious schools. A high school student and her mother have challenged the constitutionality of these measures.

"We tried to find hot topics," says Sarah Evans JD '00, chair of the Board of Student Advisors (BSA), which organizes the annual competition. The students first hoped to explore grandparents' visitation statutes, then considered prayer at public school sporting events, but the Supreme Court moved ahead of them, agreeing to hear cases on those very topics. Knowing Scalia's interest in issues relating to both the separation of church and state and single-sex education, says Evans, the BSA put together a case that

"we thought he could have fun with."

Indeed, Manzo ventures no more than two-and-a-half minutes into his allotted 20 before Scalia interrupts with his first question: "Is it enough that [the law] have an educational purpose? Doesn't [that] have to be its primary purpose?" Manzo's opening remarks are by far the longest that any of the students will enjoy this afternoon. By the time his opponent, Whitney Roberts, rises to present the final argument, the judges have fully warmed to the subject. They give her a 40-second lead, then jump in. Judge Barbadoro: "Is there anything in the record to show that segregation by sex causes the same kind of harm that racial segregation does?" Judge Lynch: "Why shouldn't we defer to a legislative judgment?" The questions come in an unrelenting barrage.

All three judges are challenging, shrewd, and, in ways appreciated by the many legal aficionados in the audience, witty. Still, there's no mistaking the alpha judge. Scalia fills the room. His gestures are large, and his vocal range shuttles between intimate and expansive. He seems never at repose. When he sharply confronts the young litigators-in-training, they rock backward from the lectern ever so slightly, as if encountering a weather front. Then each straightens, meets the justice's gaze, and replies.

"We made it up, didn't we?" Scalia suggests to Thibeu at one point. He's referring to a standard for reviewing gender-based classifications that the

Supreme Court laid out in a 1996 decision, *United States v. Virginia*. "I would respectfully disagree," Thibeu replies. Scalia leans forward as Thibeu connects the opinion in *Virginia* to previous decisions. When Denis Cleary brings up a particular detail in his presentation, Scalia corners him into agreeing that the fact may not be essential: "Why'd you mention it then? Just to confuse us?" Scalia asks.

"Your Honor," Cleary responds, "I would argue that it is just one more log upon the fire of why this law violates the establishment clause."

A former professor at the University of Virginia, Georgetown, and the University of Chicago, and the father of nine, Scalia seems to relish his role on BC's bench. After announcing the moot court winners—best oralist, Patrick Manzo; best brief, Manzo and Thibeu—he offers his views on oral argument, touching on matters both particular (when addressing the Supreme Court, don't glance up at the clock over the justices' heads) and fundamental. He tells the students that they should welcome questions from the bench. "I only argued before the Supreme Court once," he says. "And I had a cold bench—it was in the days before the academics were there. I got two questions from Byron White. And I'm looking from one face to the other thinking, 'Come on, you guys, help me out. Is there something I should be talking about?' You don't know whether you're wasting your time unless they ask you a question."

Anna Marie Murphy



Mario Powell '03

PERSUASION

For the first time in its 108-year history, the Fulton Prize Debate has been won by a freshman. Mario Powell '03 teamed with Lisa Langdon '01 to take first place with an argument in support of Title IX, the statute mandating gender equity in education. A history major from Diamond Bar, California, Powell has been dubbed "the Minister" by fellow debaters for his preacher's flair.

FELLOW TRAVELERS

Four members of the class of '00 have won Fulbright Fellowships. Sara B. Davidson and Scott Lee Purdy will travel to Poland, where Davidson will study linguistics and Jewish-Catholic relations, and Purdy, a biochemistry major, will teach. John V. Skerry will study citizen participation in Bulgaria. And Matthew Lyberg will photograph Ukrainian monastery life. Meanwhile, in the class of '01, Lisa Langdon has won a Harry S. Truman Scholarship, which includes \$30,000 for postgraduate study, and Brian Gray has garnered both a Pfizer Undergraduate Fellowship in synthetic organic chemistry and a Goldwater Scholarship. Eric Bennett has received a Pfizer Fellowship in biochemistry, and Meghan Kalinich has been awarded a \$2,000 Albert Schweitzer Fellowship for community service.

Rogues' gallery

THE LITERARY OFFSPRING OF J. F. POWERS

EDITOR'S NOTE: J. F. Powers, who died last year, served American Catholicism much as Evelyn Waugh did its Anglican counterpart—as a wry and shriveling witness. In two novels and dozens of short stories, all reissued by New York Review of Books Press this spring, Powers charted the mundane stones on which priests stumble. His first novel, *Morte d'Urban*, won the National Book Award in 1963. That readers were forced to wait a quarter century for his second novel, *Wheat That Springeth Green*, is the subject of the following essay by his eldest daughter, Boston writer Katherine A. Powers. It appears as the introduction to the new paperback edition.

I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift . . .

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The original title given by my father to his second and final novel—a work that took 25 years to finish—was *The Sack Race*. It was called that in the ancient contract he signed with Knopf and in notes and story lines and countless manuscript versions. Though dropped from the title, a sack race remains a pivotal event in the book and serves, too, as a metaphor for the priesthood. In the novel, as in Ecclesiastes, the race does not go to the swift, while much of the action does indeed take place “under the sun”—the sweat and heat of summer being synonymous with the human condition in my father's mind.

It was in reference to *The Sack Race* that, year after year, this master of the art of tinkering and procrastination wrote a penitential letter of regret to Robert Gottlieb, his editor at Knopf. (He kept the folded drafts of these annual notes clipped together in his desk drawer as a scourge.) At some point, though, out of this great weight of paper, time, and inertia, the book was born again as *Wheat That Springeth Green*.

He found the phrase—the title and last line of a medieval carol—while paging through a hymnal, and was struck by the rightness of the words. The hymn's message, too, was a powerful antidote to despondency. In the years he was working on the novel, he passed from being a middle-aged man with bright prospects to one of three score and ten; and while, perversely, he found it inconceivable that he himself would die, he marked the death of his mother and his father, and witnessed the dying torments of his wife. These events shocked him to the core.

Written over an increasingly dark time, *Wheat* was shaped by my father's growing conviction of the progressive

and irredeemable absurdity of things. He was a connoisseur of the dull, the mediocre, and the second-rate, and of the disingenuous and fraudulent, but now it seemed that their dominion was truly come. Stupidity, obliviousness, and credulousness had taken over. The quality of food, drink, tobacco, transportation, conversation, religious practice, and art was in sharp decline. And people die: They just check out, are gone, leaving a whole bunch of junk behind.

Yet, in spite of everything, he did not despair. He possessed what G. K. Chesterton called “Christian optimism,” a paradoxical optimism “based on the fact that we do not fit in the world,” that every awful thing, every dismal victory of the moronic and specious, is just another confirmation that what happens under the sun is not reality; that we have here, as he took satisfaction in saying, no lasting home. In a contrarian assertion of hope, he transformed the dreck of modern existence, in which we are all bogged down, into a medium out of which springs beauty and new life. This is the view projected in *Wheat That Springeth Green*: “As for feeling thwarted and useless,” Joe, the novel's uncomfortable hero, reflects, “he knew what it meant. It meant that he was in touch with reality.”

The sense that the world is an alien place of arbitrary arrangements is far more pronounced in *Wheat* than in my father's earlier novel, *Morte d'Urban*. The author of that book, unlike the man who finally finished *Wheat*, believed that while the world was not the last stop in the journey, it did have something to offer. The *via delicata* traveled by Urban before he is cast into the wilderness is an enchanted arena of aged steaks and vintage wines, sleek cars, expense accounts, and manly bonhomie. It's a dangerous place, certainly, for just as the priest must be particular in his dress and demeanor, so must he not connive at the sins of those who pay his way. But the prudent man can avoid the devil's snares; for him the real trap is the schemes sprung from second-rate minds. This, at least, is the view taken by the unredeemed Urban, a view my father appreciated not only for its competence and discrimination, but for its faint air of roguishness. But, of course, it would not do in the end. His hero is finally driven to recognize that he is no mere man of the world, that his business is not business. Urban, like Sir Lancelot, “lays aside his sword and becomes a priest.”

In *Wheat* we see things through Joe Hackett's eyes, first as a child and later as the priest he becomes. Unlike Urban,

Joc is seldom at ease, always a bit out of place, and forever trying to figure out what's going on—really going on—as if with the aid of a manual. “What’s wrong with this picture?” Joe asks himself after a little gathering he has planned fizzles out and he has been abandoned to watch the baseball game on TV alone.

If *Morte* presents the world as temptation, *Wheat* presents rejection of the world as pretty tempting, too. Urban is worldly; Joe wants to be otherworldly. His temptation is to reject the world. As a seminarian and young priest, he affects the life of a contemplative. He’s a bit of a fanatic, in fact. But he cannot ignore the conditions around him. Cleanliness matters a little more to him than godliness, while heat—an almost constant presence—exacerbates the problem of dealing with other people. Heat, people; heat and people: Joe resorts to drink as a way of bearing up under both.

The setup at the rectory at Joe’s first assignment is emblematic of the state of the world. There life is lived under the sway of Mrs. Cox, the last in my father’s line of formidable housekeepers. Her dog attacks the priests’ ankles; her TV, running loud and long, is an obnoxious presence. Why is it so? Joe’s epiphany comes when he spots the horny, prayer-scarred knees and dog-bitten ankles of the pastor, Fr. Van Slaag. He realizes that the old man is using Mrs. Cox and her dog as crosses, “as a means of sanctification and salvation—making life make sense, which it otherwise wouldn’t.”

My father was drawn to priests as a subject because their lives are rich in anomaly, in the tensions and contradictions between earthly and spiritual goals that make moral scrutiny interesting. Time-serving, empire-building, reforming, all take on further moral complexity in the context of the priesthood. Beyond that, though, the predicament of the priest had a gruesome and particular fascination for him. To many young men of his generation, the problem of a religious vocation boiled down to what one would have to give up in order to assume what was, after all, a good place in this world—not to mention excellent chances for a better one in the next. But to a man like my father, the real problem seemed less giving things up than taking them on:

taking on people, specifically.

So he trembled at the priest’s lot: Here one is, having dedicated one’s life to God, and yet here one is, because of it, lumbered with one’s fellow man. Joe spends a good deal of time pondering this situation: “Running a parish, any parish, was like riding in a cattle car in the wintertime—you could appreciate the warmth of your dear dumb friends, but you never knew when you’d be stepped on, or worse.” I have no doubt that my father’s leeriness of people kept him fixed on this particular aspect of the priesthood. In 1944, in Sandstone, Minnesota, where he served 13 months in prison instead of going to war, he wrote to his sister: “There is a justice, hardly poetic, in the way I find myself tied up in destiny with millions of people when what I want most is to be separated from them.”

For him, art was as much a spiritual vocation as the priesthood—a more exalted one, even. “You, God-like,” he once said, “make a character who lives, who didn’t exist before you made him out of the slime of your dictionary.” But art, by contrast to the priesthood, allowed no compromise. In the novel, Joe’s failure to achieve an immediate relationship with God is ultimately a triumph: A parish priest’s job demands engagement with the world. My father, however, felt that daily life could only be a distraction from his calling. Tragically, in the years he struggled to write

Wheat, he was often lost in a wilderness of petty detail and procrastination, wasting hours repairing and polishing his shoes, rubbing emollients into his leather-bound books, battling bats, mice, and squirrels in the house, and gophers under the sun; caulking windows, spackling cracks and holes, gluing, taping, and tapping in tacks.

In the end, though, in *Wheat That Springeth Green*, as in *Morte d’Urban* and his many stories, he achieved something of what he wanted: work that reflects and distills what he called God’s sense of humor; work that so deftly makes language one with event and character that you need not be Catholic to understand it, have religious faith to believe it, or possess anything, but a sense of humor yourself, to laugh and know it is true.

Katherine A. Powers



J. F. Powers, typewriter in case.

COURTESY KATHERINE A. POWERS

HORROR STORIES

Historian Roberta Manning leads the drive to declassify Stalin-era documents

Scholars above a certain age in Russia can still recall when they first set eyes on classified documents from the Stalinist era. It was in the late 1950s, during a brief period of openness under Premier Nikita Khrushchev, and the terms under which the researchers were granted a glimpse into the central government archives amounted to academic purgatory. Forbidden to take any notes out of the archives, they went home at the end of each day and wrote down what they thought they remembered. And they've been fighting over what they read ever since.

Now an international team of 40 specialists is engaged in a project that will resolve many such historical arguments and unleash volumes of new information on Joseph Stalin's regime. Entitled "The Tragedy of the Soviet Village," the project has been organized and directed by Roberta Manning, an associate professor of history at Boston College and coeditor of *Stalinist Terror: New Perspectives* (1993). Manning shares oversight of the project with Lynne Viola, a professor of history at the University of Toronto, and Viktor Petrovich Danilov, of the Russian Academy of Sciences. It is the largest research project on the Stalin era (1927–53) currently under way.

Manning and her colleagues have obtained unprecedented access not only



Russians march to seize the property of a fellow peasant in the late 1920s. "We are liquidating kulaks [affluent peasants] as a class," reads their banner.

to KGB (now the FSB) archives and to Stalin's personal archives, but also to the Presidential Archives, assembled by Khrushchev and later by Mikhail Gorbachev from an array of government repositories to further their own understanding of what transpired under the veil of Stalin's rule. One outcome of the international team's research will be the publication in Russian of five volumes of primary-source material focusing on rural conditions and government policies during the seminal years of famine, collectivization, and terror, 1927–39. (Two volumes have appeared already.) Copies

or transcripts of these and many additional documents will ultimately reside in the archives at Boston College. Yale University Press has contracted for an English edition.

The materials collected so far document a full range of government activities and public contacts, from Politburo meetings to police orders for mass arrests; from deportees' petitions sent to the All-Union Central Executive Committee to conversations overheard by the political police. Often composed in terse, bureaucratic prose, the documents yield vital revelations. "In the countryside, more than 2,468,000

people took part in mass and group anti-Soviet demonstrations in 1930, as opposed to 244,000 in 1929," reads one contemporary report translated by Manning. The author, a deputy assistant chief of the secret police, went on to supply page upon page of numerical breakdown—detailing how many protests against collectivization involved arson; how many government "friends" were killed, beaten, or injured; and the proportion of insurrections led by women (40 percent in one six-month period). It appears, says Manning, that "the greatest peasant revolts in history came under

Stalin—and nobody in the world was aware it was happening.” The materials, she says, are altering historians’ perspectives. The early view of Stalin as an all-controlling man of iron has given way to that of a leader often frustrated. “The fact is,” says Manning, “he was a man of iron standing on a swamp.”

Other documents support this image. Plans for the mass resettlement of affluent peasants to provide manpower in Siberia brim with efficiency (“Transportation will take place by trainloads, each [consisting] of 44 heated freight cars”). But when Soviet authorities imposed quotas on local administrators to supply peasant workers, the officials took the opportunity to shed the weakest among them. The peasants who made the journey often turned out to be widows, children, the elderly, and the infirm, according to Siberian reports. These were people who scarcely interested Stalin, but they were viewed as drains within their own increasingly strapped communities. “It’s so characteristic of this period,” says Manning. “One part of the government was able to function, and another was working at cross purposes.”

The “Soviet Village” project took shape in 1994. Funding began with a Canadian government grant and a Social Science Research Council grant administered by Boston College, followed by modest support from the University of Melbourne and other institutions. When money for supplies and salaries ran low, the South Korean ambassador to Moscow, a historian by training, even trimmed back her embassy’s entertainment

budget to contribute. A Research Incentive Grant from BC followed. Then, in 1997, the National Endowment for the Humanities offered the first of two grants, for a total of \$254,000. The NEH grants continue through 2002.

Acutely aware of the pitfalls that plagued previous efforts to mine Russian archives after the Soviet Union’s demise—namely, the stingy release of documents and sabotage by disgruntled Russian archivists—Manning, Viola, and Danilov designed their project as a collaboration on two levels. First they contracted with key archives in Moscow for formal access. And second, they offered employment to 30 experienced Russian historians and archivists at a number of those facilities. For many of these individuals, long isolated in their respective institutions, the project has provided their first knowledge of the contents of collections beyond their workaday purview.

The stipends paid to the Russians are small by Western standards—generally between \$100 and \$200 a month. But, according to Professor Hiroaki Kuromiya of Indiana University, who reviewed Manning’s NEH grant request, the wages are invaluable in helping to ensure the survival of the academic community in Russia. Once supported by the government, Russian social scientists and archivists have been paid minimally and sporadically in recent years as the economy has floundered. “Even the most famous academics have at times been paid only \$50 a month,” says Kuromiya. “This project will help them to stay

in their professions.” In fact, “The Tragedy of the Soviet Village” has been recognized as an official U.S. aid program by both the American and Russian governments.

This summer Manning returns to Russia to meet with project workers. She hopes to again have access to the reading room, with its yellow-flowered wallpaper and armed guards, in the original KGB archive, where her Russian colleagues have maintained a small office. She also plans to visit old KGB archives at police stations in the countryside, where she will wait for her document requests to be filled, “surrounded by the mothers of last night’s drunks.”

Increasingly, Manning and her team are working with a sense of urgency—haunted, she says, by concerns that the Russian government will clamp down. “The largest vote-getting party in the country is the Communist Party,” she says. “It could all come back together.” Indeed, government officials have begun tightening security at various archives, making it harder to get materials or even to enter the buildings. Researchers have now been frozen out of the Russian State Military Archive. And only Danilov, one of the country’s leading historians and a former adviser to Gorbachev, and Colonel V. K. Vinogradov, director emeritus of the KGB archive and a founding member of the project, now have access to KGB documents. “This is a scared government,” says Manning. “It’s terrified of its own people, like Stalin was.”

Anna Marie Murphy

PROMOTED

David Broido (physics), Clifford Holderness (CSOM), Krzysztof Kempa (physics), G. Robert Meyerhoff (mathematics), Nancy Netzer (fine arts), Christine O’Brien (CSOM), Mark Reeder (mathematics), and Mark Spiegel (law) have been promoted to full professor. Promoted to associate professor with tenure were Pierluigi Balduzzi (CSOM), Charles Downing (CSOM), John Fourkas (chemistry), Candace Jones (CSOM), Cynthia Lyerly (history), Franco Mormando, SJ (romance languages), Jennie Purnell (political science), and Kalpana Seshadri-Crooks (English). Associate Professor Thomas Chemmanur (CSOM) received tenure.

DOCTORED

U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley delivered the main address at the University’s 124th Commencement exercises held on May 22 at Alumni Stadium. Honorary doctorates were awarded to Cardinal Jaime Ortega of Cuba; Kip Tiernan, founder of the Boston homeless shelter Rosie’s Place; NBC president and CEO Robert C. Wright; and Cathedral High School teacher Fayette Long of Boston.

DEATHS

- Lillian A. Buckley, a member of the LSOE faculty from 1973 to 1993, on March 2, 2000, at age 60.
- Edward R. Callahan, SJ, a member of the theology faculty from 1966 to 1990 and a chaplain to the School of Nursing from 1970 to 1995, on May 16, 2000, at age 80.
- Harvey R. Margolis, a member of the mathematics faculty since 1970, on June 8, 2000, at age 57.
- Joseph M. Larkin, SJ, a member of the drama faculty from 1955 to 1980, on June 17, 2000, at age 84.



MONUMENTAL Achievements

*Not since FDR
has America seen a great
president. Nor, says
the author, are we likely
to see one again*

When, early in the first American presidential term, Vice President John Adams proposed to George Washington that he be addressed as "His Highness the President of the United States and Protector of Their Liberties," Washington rejected that regal-sounding mouthful and asked to be

called, simply, the President of the United States. Washington was no shrinking violet. He had great ambitions for himself, and, more importantly, for the nation he was so pivotal in founding. But by rejecting the trappings as well as the substance of monarchy he was determined to set a new standard for what Americans should expect from those who lead them. Before Washington, *greatness* had been a word fit only for kings. Alexander, Catherine, and Frederick were all "Great," but they hardly set a pattern for presidential

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conduct. Washington wrapped greatness in a republican cloak.

Washington was not a democrat. His idea of greatness was to foster strong executive leadership within the strictures of the U.S. Constitution. He did not consider himself answerable to public opinion, as presidents who came after him did. But those who followed built upon the precedents he established to create an essentially democratic American presidency.

Democratic leadership differs from other kinds of leadership because it involves the interdependence of leader and led. Unlike military command, for example, it requires that leaders remain answerable to their followers. When a president takes bold initiatives and ignores public opinion in the short run, he still must enable his followers to hold him accountable in ways that are practicable and timely.

Even so, leadership can never be fully egalitarian. Leaders inevitably exert direction and control over their followers. Presidential leadership can redeem itself democratically only if its overall impact on citizens is to make them better able to govern themselves. True democratic leadership is parental as well as accountable. Good parents encourage their children to become independent and responsible, not to remain submissive and willful. Just as parents are held responsible for the moral and practical education of their children, so a president bears a large share of responsibility for the public's civic education. Too often, the bully pulpit has produced just plain bull. But a great civic educator enlivens the populace, increases its sense of obligation, and improves its understanding of how the political world works.

My own list of great presidents includes Washington, who founded republican presidential leadership, and four democrats—Thomas Jefferson, Andrew Jackson, Abraham Lincoln, and Franklin Delano Roosevelt. All five presided over essential transformations in politics and public policy. The last four did so democratically. They were devoted civic educators. They taught the public how to accept major political, social, and economic transformations and how to keep those changes from overspilling proper constitutional bounds. They were also founders—or re-founders—of political parties. They were builders and disciplinarians of the only institution capable of preserving political accountability in a mass democracy, the political party. In sum, they were conservative revolutionaries, championing fundamental political change while making sure it remained within the American constitutional grain.

My nominees for greatness are controversial but not arbitrary. Greatness is not goodness, which is why I don't include Harry Truman. He brought a level of integrity and common sense to his presidency that places him among the very best. But he was not a revolutionary. He was a stabilizer, not an innovator. He maintained and marginally expand-

ed the New Deal policies of his predecessor, FDR. Teddy Roosevelt misses the list for similar reasons. TR is considered a revolutionary because of the progressive themes he enunciated in the 1912 campaign, four years after he left office. His actual tenure in office was humdrum. Indeed, his zeal to run in 1912 was largely due to his regret at having wasted his earlier opportunity to govern. Woodrow Wilson's domestic record was equally tame. His claim to greatness rests on his foreign policy vision. But the wreckage of Versailles and the failure of the League of Nations hardly validate that claim.

Greatness is not charisma. John F. Kennedy brought dignity and immense charm to the presidency, but his tragically brief tenure in office did not allow him to embark on projects of the breadth and depth to comprise a conservative revolution.

Had LBJ contented himself with the monumental achievements of his first years in office—the 1964 and 1965 Civil Rights Acts and Medicare—he might well have been a contender. But the subsequent war on poverty and the war in Vietnam were two sides of the same counterfeit coin. His domestic “war” was lost because he adopted policies just powerful enough to offend entrenched interests but far too feckless to do much real good. His approach to the gradually worsening situation in Southeast Asia was eerily similar, as he opted for military policies so mild and ineffectual that they invited the scorn of hawks and doves alike. LBJ's decision not to run for reelection reflected his own recognition of his failure to educate the public into acceptance of his foreign and domestic wars.

The most intriguing individual left off my list of greats is Ronald Reagan. As president, Reagan initially appeared to offer an alternative to the bureaucratically centralized New Deal state. People spoke of the “Reagan Revolution.” But, unlike Roosevelt, Reagan failed to capitalize on his own personal popularity to further his broader political ends. His 1984 reelection campaign was his prime opportunity to create the enduring electoral and congressional Republican majority necessary to sustain his revolution. But he squandered it. Unlike FDR, who exploited his 1936 reelection bid to mobilize support for the entire Democratic ticket, Reagan ran an ostentatiously nonpartisan campaign, devoid of serious political content. His theme was “Morning in America,” as if, by some obscure diurnal logic, he could back the Democrats into endorsing the afternoon. FDR's theme song, “Happy Days Are Here Again,” which had allied Democrats during the Great Depression, blared at the Republican convention. On the stump, Reagan made countless laudatory references to past Democratic standard bearers FDR, Truman, and even JFK. Unlike FDR's 1936 landslide, Reagan's triumphant reelection was devoid of broader political meaning because it had virtually no impact on the con-

gressional partisan balance. The Republicans failed to take control of the House of Representatives, picking up just 16 additional seats, 36 shy of a majority. Presaging the return of the Senate to the Democrats in 1986, the Republicans actually lost two Senate seats. Neither Reagan nor his successor, George Bush, could mount a serious challenge to the New Deal because they were never able to obtain a full-fledged congressional majority. The Reagan Revolution proved a mere coup d'état.

Greatness is also not saintliness. Washington, Jefferson, and Jackson owned slaves. Lincoln revoked the writ of habeas

corpus. FDR put American citizens of Japanese descent into internment camps. One need not canonize these men nor absolve them of their sins to appreciate the conservative revolutions they presided over and the character of the leadership they exercised in bringing those revolutions about.

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JAMES MADISON COMMENTED in 1789 that the person of George Washington was the only aspect of government that really caught the people's imagination at the outset of the newly formed nation. Indeed, the certitude that Washington would serve as the nation's first president allayed the fears of those Constitution writers who were reluctant to endorse the establishment of a strong chief executive. Washington's task, therefore, was to transform his enormous popular appeal into respect for the office he occupied and for the Constitution he had sworn to uphold, and to do so without raising excessive fears of incipient tyranny. He accomplished this through a brilliant combination of assertiveness and reticence.

As his response to Adams's highfalutin salutation demonstrated, Washington rejected the trappings of monarchy. More important, he rejected its substance. He voluntarily stepped down after completing his second term, thereby establishing an enduring precedent for the peaceful and lawful relinquishment of presidential power.

Washington also demonstrated that the president was more than a mere clerk. The Constitution does not empower the president to address the people. Given its emphasis on the federal and representative characters of national government, the Constitution could well be interpreted as forbidding such direct address. Nonetheless, Washington issued a proclamation to the American people early in his term of office in honor of Thanksgiving Day. This seemingly innocu-

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"If I could not go to heaven but with a party," Thomas Jefferson said, "I would not go there at all." Jefferson viewed his own Democratic-Republican Party as a short-lived measure to mold a limited, democratic government.

AS THE CLINTON IMPEACHMENT serves to remind us, presidential accountability has a formal constitutional aspect. But the specific devices contained in the Constitution, most notably impeachment and the congressional override of a presidential veto, are designed for exceptional circumstances. The idea of democratic leadership implies a more intimate and routine form of accountability than that envisioned by the Founders, many of whom were not democrats and did not desire to make the president too accountable to the people. Thomas Jefferson, the creator of the world's first democratic political party, shared Washington's antipathy to party politics. Like Woodrow Wilson, who fought a war to end war, Jefferson built a party movement to end party. He expected that once his party triumphed over the Federalists, the need for party would come to an end and

the essentially nonpartisan character of constitutional government would be restored. Jefferson was a better politician than he was a prophet. Although his Democratic-Republican Party went into eclipse during the regimes of his successors James Madison and James Monroe, it retained a corps of passionate adherents who would lead the fight to restore and expand the party a generation later.

During the 1790s, in partnership with then-Congressman James Madison, Jefferson devoted much of his energy, while serving in the Federalist-dominated administrations of Washington and John Adams, to the routine and detailed tasks of party building. Jefferson and Madison met and corresponded with local leaders throughout the country, encouraging them to mobilize and organize citizens in support of their new party. And they moved these local organizations to form re-

gional and national networks for the purpose of influencing national elections. The culmination of these party-building efforts was the election of 1800, which swept the Federalists from power and installed Jefferson as president.

Although viewed by his opponents as a dangerous radical, Jefferson in fact governed as a conservative revolutionary. The election of 1800 had been the first popularly contested presidential election in American history, and the turn toward democracy ushered in what Jefferson himself called "the Revolution of 1800." But if 1800 marked a revolution, it was an exceedingly lawful and merciful one. Jefferson used the occasion of his First Inaugural to remind the people, including the bloodthirsty among his followers, that "we are all republicans, we are all federalists." In the same speech he insisted that the principles that both his supporters and opponents shared were far more important than their differences. Most important of all was their mutual commitment to the constitutional order itself: "If there be any among us who would wish to dissolve the Union or to change its republican form, let them stand undisturbed as monuments of the safety with which error of opinion may be tolerated where reason is left free to combat it."

JEFFERSON FOLLOWED THIS plea for unity with an encomium to Washington as "our first and great revolutionary character," and with a pledge to preserve the general government in its "whole constitutional vigor."

Jefferson's legacy has elements of both style and substance. In contrast to Washington, he made the president look like a democrat. He jettisoned the presidential coach and rode his own horse. At presidential dinners, he flouted distinctions of rank and purposely ignored diplomatic protocol in the reception of foreign envoys. Jefferson presided over a drastic reduction in the size of the national government, one that would remain in force until the Civil War. Even today, the United States retains a degree of local self-government, a commitment to the rights of individuals, a mistrust of elites, and a lack of centralized rule that are unique among modern democracies. But Jefferson's efforts to decentralize and limit the power of government were wrought in a manner consonant with fundamental constitutional principles. Jefferson steadfastly resisted pressure from his more radical congressional allies to destroy the constitutional system of checks and balances by making the courts and the president subservient to Congress.

"The Revolution of 1800" could not have occurred without Jefferson's sustained efforts at party-building during the 1790s. As the beloved author of the Declaration of Independence, Jefferson might well have been elected in 1800 in the absence of party. But without party support and party discipline, he would have had to become either a prisoner of

the status quo or prey to schismatic pressures. Although Jackson is usually considered to be the founder of the spoils system, it was actually Jefferson who initiated the practice of replacing incumbent federal officials with party loyalists. He disciplined his followers by appealing to their loyalty and party spirit, but also by manipulating the supply of federal patronage. He used his party leadership both to keep Republican moderates committed to major reforms of the judiciary, public finance, and administration, and to keep party radicals from undermining the form and substance of the Constitution.

NEVER WAS AN ERA MORE inappropriately named than the so-called Era of Good Feelings following the Jefferson presidency in the Union's third decade. During the War of 1812 large areas of the nation's capital were burned, and the charred remains of the White House stood as a stark symbol of the national government's decline in strength, a decline that continued even after the British retreated. Not until Andrew Jackson and his political partner Martin Van Buren resurrected the Democratic Party in the election of 1828 did popular allegiance to the national government revive. Unlike Jefferson, political aspirants Jackson and Van Buren harbored no illusion that the refurbished Democrats would be a "party to end party." They built a Democratic Party designed for the long haul. In their view, the party should be a permanent bulwark of decentralization. It should be made up of localized political associations that could establish a vital link between the people and the national government and exert popular control of executive power.

Emulation is the sincerest form of flattery. The Democrats' great success inspired their opponents to create a similar national confederation of state and local party organizations. Van Buren's defeat by the Whig Party in 1840 ushered in a true two-party system. Grafted onto the country's antipartisan political rootstock, and leaving the integrity of the original Constitution undisturbed, this new system imbued American politics with hybrid democratic vigor.

Jackson would seem a poor candidate for conservative revolutionary. As a young lawyer and soldier he was bold to the point of recklessness. His resentments regularly threatened to overwhelm his good sense, as evidenced by the many duels he fought. The bullets that opposing duelists lodged in his body caused him to suffer continual pain and illness his whole adult life.

Like Washington, Jackson was a great military hero. But the nature of his heroism was not sufficient to inspire confidence in his political judgment or reliability. Washington was a political general. Like Eisenhower, his greatest military achievement was to maintain the cohesion of his forces in the face of powerful centrifugal pressures. Jackson was

like Patton, a warrior. His victory at New Orleans in 1814 was the first truly decisive battle in American history. It forced the British to give up the dream of reannexing the United States—a dream neither the Revolutionary War nor the War of 1812, which had formally ended prior to the Battle of New Orleans, had completely extinguished.

Jackson nearly won the election of 1824 without the support of a political party. He won the most popular and the most electoral votes but failed to obtain an absolute majority of electoral votes. Therefore, as the Constitution provides, the election was settled in the House of Representatives. For the first and only time in U.S. history, a presidential election was won by a candidate, John Quincy Adams, who had not won the electoral majority. Jackson denounced Adams's vic-

promote an active and competent citizenry. In a great commercial republic like the United States, in which citizens are tempted to fix on private interests, political parties forge civic affiliations that transcend the candidates and issues of the moment. Party loyalty encourages citizens to honor their public obligations even as they jealously guard their rights. As conceived by Jackson and Van Buren, the parties provide the vitality and solidarity necessary to complement the legalism of the Constitution.

Jackson was as much the conservative revolutionary as were Jefferson and Washington before him. A strong defender of states' rights, Jackson vetoed a federal subsidy of the Maysville Road in Kentucky because the road was to be built entirely within the state and therefore could not be just-

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tory as a "corrupt bargain" struck with the Speaker of the House, Henry Clay, whom Adams subsequently appointed Secretary of State.

As the 1828 election loomed, Martin Van Buren, the powerful New York politician, recognized that only the discipline of party could appropriately temper the political ambitions of a "man on horseback" like Jackson. He set about reestablishing the inter-regional alliance of the Jeffersonians, anchored by the two largest states, New York and Virginia, then he offered Jackson national support in return for his pledge to conform to Jeffersonian party principles. Jackson accepted the offer. Of course he could have broken with the party after winning the election. But, to his own surprise, he found the mutual consultation and loyalty instilled through party to be so beneficial that he willingly succumbed to its discipline.

The Democrats held the first major party national convention in 1836. Initially, this national presence existed solely for the purpose of winning presidential elections. But as the parties persevered, their national attachment became more than pragmatic. Intense emotional bonds among party loyalists from different regions were forged in the heat of national partisan combat. Both Whigs and Democrats flourished in the South, the West, and the North. The national party ties that developed provided the strongest political counterweight to the sectionalism that continually threatened to tear the country apart. The party provided the president with a national constituency to which he was accountable.

Parties also answered a concern first expressed by the Anti-Federalists: that the Constitution did not adequately

tified on the basis of the federal government's constitutional power to promote interstate commerce. But, when the Union itself was being threatened, he acted decisively to protect federal supremacy, and he eloquently and cogently explained his actions to the American people.

The crisis occurred when, aggrieved by its inability to obtain tariff relief, South Carolina passed a nullification ordinance declaring the existing federal tariff law unenforceable within the state's boundaries. Jackson responded with the Nullification Proclamation. It expressly denied the premise of South Carolina's leading nullification advocate, his own Vice President John Calhoun, that the Constitution was nothing more than an agreement among the individual states. Jackson held that the Union predated the Constitution. The Union was formed as a result of the joint decision to declare independence from Great Britain and to fight for independence as a nation—not as a coalition of states. Moreover, since the Constitution expressly grants Congress the right to raise revenue, Congress has the power to implement that right, even in South Carolina.



"Of all the great presidents," say Landy and coauthor Sidney M. Milkis in *Presidential Greatness*, Andrew Jackson—slaveholder, Indian fighter, duelist—"grates hardest against contemporary sensibilities." But as the president responsible for the enduring two-party system, Jackson strengthened the people's attachment to the Union and the president's accountability to the people.

Jackson implored Calhoun and his followers:

Consider the Government, uniting in one bond of common interest and general protection so many different states, giving to all their inhabitants the proud title of American citizen, protecting their commerce, securing their literature and their arts, facilitating their intercommunication, defending their frontiers and making their name respected in the remotest parts of the earth.

South Carolina rescinded its nullification ordinance. But Jackson's proclamation had a broader, instructive purpose. His allies, who were radical states'-rights democrats and therefore susceptible to the contagion of nullification, were taught a great lesson about the nature and purposes of union. After all, Jackson's neo-Federalist enemies, men such

as Daniel Webster and John Quincy Adams, already understood the need to preserve federal supremacy. Jackson's aim was to teach Democrats how to combine their zeal for limited government with an equally strong attachment to the Union. In the Nullification Crisis of 1832 he struck a blow for national unity and federal supremacy without which Lincoln's later success, achieved under far more difficult circumstances, would have been unthinkable.

IN A SERIES OF SPEECHES THAT began two years before his presidency, during his failed senatorial bid in 1858, Abraham Lincoln explained to the people why a house divided against itself could not endure; why defense of the Constitution actually required a revolutionary act, the freeing of slaves. Emancipation marked the boldest of all

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FOR WHOM HE SAVED THE UNION
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presidentially inspired conservative revolutions. Justifying it was no mean feat, since the Constitution actually contained provisions that protected slavery. In speeches before and during his presidency, Lincoln overcame this anomaly by first invoking the key principles of the Declaration of Independence and then claiming that the very purpose of the Constitution was to bring those principles to life. Drawing on a biblical verse, "a word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a picture of silver," Lincoln made the Declaration's principle of "liberty for all" the measure of American political life:

The assertion of that principle at that time, was the word "fitly spoken" which has proved an "apple of gold" to us. The Union, and the Constitution, are the pictures of silver, subsequently framed around it. The picture was made not to conceal or destroy the apple; but to adorn and preserve it.

THUS LINCOLN INCORPORATED the liberty-loving Declaration into the order of the Constitution, rendering the latter meaningless in the absence of the former. Seen in such a light, the "house" of Union could not possibly endure "half slave and half free."

Lincoln's success in ending slavery and winning the Civil War was not simply a matter of rhetoric; it was also due to his brilliant party leadership. He presided over a broad-based popular movement, one capable of mobilizing and sustaining public support for a difficult and bloody enterprise. Lincoln did not found the Republican Party. Like the Democrats and the Whigs, the Republicans emerged out of local protest meetings and political organizations. But Lincoln steered the Republican Party to success on a national scale, and he sustained and nurtured it through its time of testing. The Lincolnian Republicans kept what was best about the existing party system and infused it with a greater sense of moral purpose.

In his famous debates with Stephen Douglas in 1858, Lincoln clarified the essential principled difference between Democrats and Republicans. Republicans would not accept Douglas's facile appeal to majority rule as the means for determining whether a federal territory would adopt slavery. Just as the Jacksonians saw the Democratic Party as an antidote to political indolence in a commercial republic, so Lincoln forged the Republican Party into the means for overcoming the immoral neutrality prescribed by Douglas in the face of the slavery controversy.

Lincoln exploited the spoils system with the same zeal

and skill shown by Jefferson and Jackson. He removed Democrats from practically every federal appointive office they held and gave their jobs to members of all the competing Republican factions, ensuring that a range of Republican opinion would be heard. He displayed the same commitment to party unity in selecting and managing his cabinet. He included both William Seward, the party's leading moderate, and Salmon Chase, its leading anti-slavery militant. When the tension between Seward and Chase precipitated a cabinet crisis in 1862, Lincoln handled the dispute masterfully, maintaining the loyalty of both statesmen and of the factions they represented. "In the process of managing" his cabinet, as the historian Eric McKittrick has written, Lincoln was "at the same time managing the party and fashioning it into a powerful instrument for waging war."

FDR WAS THE LAST OF the great presidents. None has emerged in the more than half a century that has elapsed since his death, and this is no accident. The great conservative revolution he presided over, the New Deal, so altered the character of American politics as to make it far more difficult for presidential greatness to occur. FDR created perhaps the most successful of all partisan organizations, the New Deal Democratic Party. Like Jefferson's, his goal was essentially antipartisan, to create the party to end party. Unlike Jefferson, he seems to have succeeded.

FDR took the moribund 1920's Democratic Party and infused it with new life. Having placed Al Smith's name in nomination at two previous national party conventions, he was able to appeal to Catholics with far greater success than had any previous Protestant politician. By championing the rights of labor to organize, he established the American labor movement as a constituent element of the Democratic Party and maintained that attachment even when labor's top leader, John L. Lewis, deserted him in 1940. The inclusiveness of New Deal programs earned the Democrats the allegiance of two previously Republican-leaning groups, blacks and Jews. FDR's greatest electoral victory, the one that confirmed the strength and persistence of the New Deal Democratic coalition, occurred posthumously, in 1948. Truman would never have defeated Thomas E. Dewey on his own, but by wrapping himself in FDR's shroud and emphasizing his credentials as a New Deal Democrat, Truman pulled off the most astounding electoral upset of the 20th century.

FDR did not, however, savor partisan triumph for its own sake. He built the party to provide him with the political tools necessary to establish an administrative state, one whose essential aspects would operate independent of partisanship. He and his New Dealers persuaded the American people to accept a centralized bureaucratic Leviathan of the

"Lincoln did not overawe the American people," says Landy. With his homespun image and his understanding of partisan loyalty, he was able to fuse democratic government "to the great principle that all men are created equal."

sort citizens had been taught to shun. By freeing the executive branch from the constraints of localized democracy and championing it as a nonpartisan steward, the New Deal gave rise to a more active national state but one in which the most important means of democratic accountability was greatly weakened.

Nonetheless, FDR was in crucial respects a conservative. Those on the far left who chastise him for saving capitalism are essentially correct, although their derision is gratuitous. In response to the crisis of the Great Depression, FDR rightly shunned both the radical alternative of socialism and the rigid constitutional formalism of his predecessor, Herbert Hoover. He sought to preserve the essential character of the existing economic system by finding means to make it

accountability. As the locus of political power has migrated from the states and localities to the national government, and from partisan politicians to civil servants, the party has lost its ability to function as a defender of provincial liberties and a guarantor of presidential accountability. The political party has by no means withered away. Indeed, the Republican and Democratic national committees succeed brilliantly as centralized fund-raisers and marketers. But the national party organization is no longer grounded in the states and localities, and no longer has real political power independent of the president.

What's more, the New Deal administrative state's extraordinary political resilience has discouraged FDR's successors from attempting new conservative revolutions. Newt

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more stable and humane. This he accomplished in the short run through government spending to create jobs, and in the long run by establishing various quasi-insurance programs that protected people against the vagaries of job loss, disability, and old age. The New Deal's hallmark program, Social Security, was aptly named, for the key to the New Deal was its effort to make people's lives more secure.

Radio gave FDR the opportunity to explain his project directly to the American people. In a series of "fireside chats," he described his programs in simple, comprehensible terms. The most comprehensive explanation of his conservative revolution came in a campaign speech delivered to San Francisco's Commonwealth Club. In it he declared that the time had come to recognize "new terms of the old social contract," to take account of an economy transformed by industrial capitalism and the ensuing concentration of economic power. The Founders had constitutionalized government on the basis of a declaration of political rights. Now the task of government was to constitutionalize the economy on the basis of a declaration of economic rights. The traditional emphasis on individual self-reliance should give way to governmental protection from the vagaries of the marketplace. Security was to be a new, government-guaranteed, self-evident truth. Thus FDR sought both to protect the public from excessive economic uncertainty and to do so within the American constitutional grain with its emphasis on the constitutional protection of rights.

The New Deal undermined the future of presidential greatness in two related ways. It drastically curtailed the role of the political party and therefore diminished presidential

Party. Like Jefferson's, his goal was essentially anti-partisan, to create the party to end party. Unlike Jefferson, he seems to have succeeded.

Gingrich's Contract With America seemed to be a bold anti-New Deal offensive, but it withered in the face of Bill Clinton's brilliant ground-giving defense, and died as a result of Clinton's 1996 electoral resurrection.

Greatness is rare and a hostage to fortune. Crisis creates its opportunity. The greatness of Washington and Lincoln was forged by war; the eminence of FDR by economic collapse. Jefferson and Jackson faced quieter crises but real ones. In 1800 and again in 1824 large segments of the citizenry had become so deeply disaffected with the national government that the very future of the Union was thrown into doubt. Because greatness is crisis-dependent, one cannot insist that the next president be great. All that can be reasonably expected is that he be good. And frankly, given the obstacles, that is plenty to ask. But the experience of the



"FDR found a way to incorporate economic security into the bedrock of American rights," says Landy. But the resulting administrative state means that presidents can now be elected not as the heads of parties but as the heads of personal organizations.

greats has much to teach those who aspire to be good. The key elements of democratic leadership—party leadership and civic education—are just as critical to the success of a good president as to a great one.

Democracy is such a hard system of government to sustain that, in a certain sense, it is perpetually in crisis. Good times are as dangerous as bad ones because they lull the public into false complacency and encourage its proclivity to ignore public life altogether. Indeed, civic education is all the more difficult when the stock market is soaring and jobs are plentiful. In 1933, with the stock market collapsed and close to a third of the workforce unemployed, citizens were all ears as FDR explained their predicament to them.

If the next president is to be less a slave to fickle public opinion than his most recent predecessor, he will need to

cultivate those political gifts that most befit a democratic leader—to rule and be ruled by party and to take the public to school. He must find the words to help ordinary Americans make better sense of the titillating but bewildering circumstances in which so many find themselves. He must also find a way to resuscitate political party life in order to restore some sense of collective responsibility and political discipline to public affairs. Such ties liberate even as they bind. The return of vigorous parties might even succeed in building an audience capable of remaining attentive to the political lessons a good president has to teach.

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COMMUNION

In 1987's *Babette's Feast*
we are served
the rarest of cinematic gifts—
a world both harsh
and graced

BY RON HANSEN

AFTER A GLORIOUS BUT EXPENSIVE VACATION in Venice in 1949, the Danish storyteller Karen Blixen considered writing fiction for the high-paying U.S. magazine market. An English visitor to the baroness's estate of Rungstedlund, northeast of Copenhagen, challenged her to do so by wagering that she could not sell a story to *The Saturday Evening Post*, and she took the bet, though she was not sure what American magazines wanted.

"Write about food," the Englishman said, for Blixen had been trained in the culinary arts in Paris; she was justly famous for her lavish, gourmet dinner parties, and even news magazines like *Life* carried recipes then. But there may have been a hint of nasty irony in his suggestion as well, for Karen Blixen was then habitually ill—she'd contracted syphilis from her ex-husband many years earlier—and she ate so little that she was just skin and bones, weighing less than 90 pounds.

She wrote "Babette's Feast" in English, the language in which she had first told tales to her lover, Denys Finch-Hatton, an Oxford-educated trader and wilderness guide in East Africa who considered Blixen his Scheherazade. She may have modeled the character of Madame Babette Hersant at least partially on Clara Svendsen, a well-educated Catholic schoolteacher from the north of Denmark who so loved

Blixen's books that she gave up her home and job to serve as the baroness's maid, secretary, nurse, and literary executor. Blixen seems to have based the self-willed, sophisticated, and introspective General Lorens Løwenheim on the Danish philosopher Søren Kierkegaard and on her restless, much-revered father, Captain Wilhelm Dinesen, who'd served in the Franco-Prussian war and in 1871 witnessed the Marquis de Gallifet's vicious persecution and slaughter of the insurrectionist Communards of Paris. Elements of her mother's puritanical side of the family probably influenced her depiction of two pious, unmarried sisters. Even the story's location on a Norwegian fjord seems to have been chosen as a look-alike for the Jutland heaths Blixen visited as a child.

In Karen Blixen's suave short story, Madame Babette Hersant is a famous chef at the Café Anglais who flees Paris after the execution of her husband and son in the 1871 civil war and winds up in a desolate settlement in Norway. Working as a humble cook and housekeeper for the two sweet and devout spinsters who have forsaken offers of marriage, wealth, pleasure, and fame to minister to

a radically puritanical Lutheran sect established by their father, she's expected to prepare only frugal meals of salted codfish and ale-bread soup. But when, after 14 years of service, Babette wins 10,000 francs in a lottery, she chooses to spend it all on a magnificent feast that will celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the sisters' late father's birthday.

Seeing the exotic foods and wines grandly arriving from Paris in wheelbarrows, one sister goes out to their congregation, urging them to take no notice of this high cuisine for fear of offending God. One old man promises her, "We will cleanse our tongues of all taste and purify them of all delight or disgust of the senses, keeping and preserving them for the higher things of praise and thanksgiving."

But an epicurean Army general who once loved one of the sisters has also been invited and is bewildered to see his fellow diners consuming the finest amontillado and turtle soup and blinis demidoff "without any sign of either surprise or approval, as if they had been doing so every day for 30 years."

Elated by Babette's artistry, the general offers a toast that he first heard from the Dean whose hundredth anniversary they are celebrating, and that he finally understands. "Mercy and truth, my friends, have met together," General Lowenheilm says. "Righteousness and bliss shall kiss one another."

Resentments and discord had begun to divide the old and failing congregation, but as they gradually give up their self-abnegation during Babette's feast, the dinner guests forgive one another and wind up outside, holding hands like children under the starlight as they sing a hymn of paradise.

"Babette's Feast" merges incongruities, reconciles the irreconcilable. With Kierkegaard, Blixen argues against the either/or proposition that there is only one correct way to live one's life, that we are faced with a series of critical choices and if we choose wrongly we are lost. In her story, the hedonistic general finds in the miracle of Babette's feast both ecstatic pleasure and a joyful, magnanimous God whom he otherwise could not have imagined. The congregation of fractious Puritans who chose a difficult, self-denying spirituality find in the feast the religious ecstasy they have sought and the sensual pleasure they have shunned. And Babette is satisfied because, as she says, she is "a great artist" and this is what she does, whether or not there are those who can fully savor it.

Karen Blixen lost the wager with the Englishman. Employing the male pseudonym of Isak Dinesen—"he who laughs" plus her maiden name—she submitted "Babette's Feast" to *The Saturday Evening Post*, but the editors rejected it, as did the editors of *Good Housekeeping*, who felt it concentrated too much on the upper classes who were, presumably, not their readership. She finally managed to sell the story to *The Ladies' Home Journal*, where it appeared in May 1950.

She was 65 years old then. And Gabriel Axel was nearly 70 when he scripted and directed its winsome screen adaptation, *Babettes gæstebud*, the Academy Award winner for best foreign film of 1987. It's perhaps not surprising, then, that *Babette's Feast* focuses its gentle humor on the frailties, anxieties, and self-recriminations of the aging, while quietly congratulating its characters for their generosity, loyalty, religious conviction, humility, sanity, and self-discipline—qualities that are not often saluted in film.

The writer Jim Shepard was the first to alert me to the ways in which *Babette's Feast* slyly plays with the conventions of the American movies that were called "women's pictures": sentimental melodramas like *Imitation of Life* and *Stella Dallas* about intense emotions being bottled up, about lives not fully lived, about heroines who abandon or deny their own wishes, dreams, ambitions, or dangerous stirrings of the heart in subordination to another person or in soulful obedience to an interior code of morality and conscience.

In the film *Babette's Feast*, as in Blixen's tale, the main protagonists are Martine and Filippa, sisters named in reverence for the German Protestant reformers Martin Luther and Philipp Melancthon. The sisters' adored father was the founder of a puritanical Lutheran sect in a gray, dull, huddled village on the Jutland heaths, but now the Dean is long dead and his elderly daughters devote all their hours and inherited income to good works for a dwindling number of crotchety disciples. But there was a time many years ago when the hands of the girls were sought by bachelors who went to church just to see them, for the strikingly beautiful girls did not go to parties or balls. The Dean rejected their many suitors with the excuse that his daughters were his only handmaids, but in fact his theology was such that earthly love and marriage were

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Boston College has the largest Catholic alumni association in the United States - we are now 129,000 strong! Rev. William P. Leahy, SJ, describes Boston College as "... a place where faith meets culture." BC Alumni Association Executive Director, Grace Cotter Regan '82, echoes those sentiments when she states, "Our goal is to make the Alumni Association the place where faith meets culture for alumni."

BC alumni had a highly successful Reunion Weekend, and the staff, once again, performed at its very best. In May, the campus in all its glory was enjoyed by the largest Golden Eagle class ever. In all, over 3,000 alumni returned to BC to connect with their classmates and with alma mater.

The Alumni Association staff and the newly elected Board of Directors are poised for action and *ra-rin'* to go! Their focus and goals for the upcoming year are to strengthen and enhance our classes, clubs, and community service programs.

The Board and staff look to the club network as a way to connect all alumni. The Alumni Association strives to keep all Boston College schools and departments



Alumni Association staff and board of directors at May, 2000 board meeting — Campion Center in Weston.

informed of alumni programs, and to seek their assistance in establishing a strong, mutually beneficial relationship between the University and the Association. The entire team will be working hard to introduce young alumni and future alumni to the Association.

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Thomas F. Coughlin died February 9, at his home in Melrose. He was a graduate of BC High in 1923 and BC in 1927. He was awarded a fellowship in the chemistry department at BC and received his MS degree in 1928. Tom was a sales engineer in the electronics field for many years. He enjoyed music and sang with several church choirs and men's vocal groups. Tom is survived by his wife Katheryn, a daughter Anne E. Kearney, and sons Thomas and Daniel. He also leaves behind nine grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

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It is with a heightened degree of sadness that I report that Helen Driscoll, the widow of our Senior Class President **Daniel M. Driscoll**, died May 8. For years, Helen was a fervent BC advocate. One could always depend on her to be present at every BC function. She was a caring mother of six children. In addition, I can testify to her reputation as a gracious hostess. Her late husband is a BC legend. He was the owner of a large full service insurance agency, treasurer of the city of Boston, a colleague of mine in the St. Vincent De Paul Society, and a bank director — just to name a few of his activities. To her wonderful family, the Class of '28 sends its most sorrowful and warmest condolences. • A recent printed issue of the Alumni Notes lists 10 members of the class of '28 as still living. It reveals that **Henry J. Ballem**, a resident of Hawaii, lives the farthest from Alma Mater. Good health and happiness to all.

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Most of you have received your package for the 2000 graduation (com-

mencement) exercises. Perhaps you wondered what happened to the 70th anniversary reunion of a certain class. I made an inquiry and am awaiting a satisfactory answer. Maybe we can hold it in the telephone booth in the basement of Gasson Hall (the Tower Building to you old-timers). • Many wondered why I was so brief last issue about the passing of **Jim Carolan, MD**. Well, my notes for the last column were due and filed April 1. Jim died April 8. It took a little fast sweet talk to the printers by our contact, Kathy Gualco, to squeeze in the late obit, but we made it. Jim was not only an honor student in the pre-med course but, found time to be senior manager of the baseball team. His stories of the team's adventures and misadventures on its southern trip would do credit to a Grantland Rice or Ring Lardner.

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It is always good to hear from Kay Connor. She brings me an update on the Connor maroon and gold legacy. Her husband, **John Connor**, wrote the column for us for many years with a glib pen and a remarkable sense of humor. He would be happy to have lived to see his son Jack (BC '65 BC Law '68) recently appointed a Massachusetts judge. John has two grandchildren at Boston College now and one graduating from BC Law this past May. Kate closed her note expressing her deep appreciation for the Class of '32. Thank you, Kate. It was the women of the class that made it so great. • I recently received a notice of the death of Jesuit **Rev. Anthony J. Eiardi**, listing him as receiving his bachelor's degree in 1932. Although Fr. Eiardi did not make the trip to Gasson, he could certainly be an adopted son of our class. His career began at BC where he taught mathematics, becoming the chairman of the department from 1948-1953. At the time of his death, he was stationed at Fairfield University. He is survived by two nephews: James Selgrade of North Carolina and Edward Selgrade of Belmont. He is also survived by Joan Peloquin, a niece who lives in Tampa, FL. • I am looking forward to the 2000 football season from the top of Alumni Stadium.

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Rev. John M. Donelin, retired Watertown pastor, died June 2 at St. Patrick's Manor in Framingham. Father John, commonly known as Father Mike by his fellow priests and as "Mike" by his classmates, celebrated his 60th anniversary as a priest on May 3rd by saying a Mass at St. Patrick's Manor.

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Nicholas J. Fiumara, MD, recipient of a number of honors recently, had one more leaf added to his laurel wreath: in celebration of the 150th anniversary year of Tewksbury Hospital, a tree donated by the Bureau of Communicable Disease Control of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, has been planted in Nick's honor on the grounds of the Hospital. • **William J. Joyce** and his wife, Helen, were among about 30 BC friends and graduates who attended a cocktail party for Rev. Donald Monan, SJ and his successor, Rev. William Leahy, SJ, at Palm Beach. Among the guests were Joseph Walsh and his wife, Rosemary. Joe was class of '37 but he was at BC High with your correspondent and other members of '34, Bill and Helen will take off for Oberammergau in August. • **Lenahan O'Connell** tells us that his granddaughter Meghan, a junior at BC, is spending a semester in Japan studying the language and customs. Lenahan was recently named director of the Acapeset Improvement Society in Falmouth. In the fall he will be in Berlin and Rome with the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company. • **Rev. Jack Saunders, SJ** celebrated the 60th anniversary of his ordination with a mass at St. Agatha's Church in Milton in April while **Rev. Charles Anadore, SJ** marked the 50th year of his ordination at the same church. Charles was 10 years behind because he didn't enter the seminary until after his military service.

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Our volleyball team continues to lead the news. We were invited by the makers of Geritol to spend college "spring break week" at Fort Lauderdale teaching young people how to play the game. Everything went well, although, when we checked in for the flight home, one member of the team was missing. Note: As we have mentioned before, we do not reveal the names of our classmates on the team because a couple of our best players are on disability pensions from state jobs. We can tell you, however, that we have lost one of the best players in **Jim McDonough**. Jim, who has never been sick in his life, has had a bad year. Last fall he had a serious operation on his spine to relieve pressure on a nerve, and this spring he had a serious heart attack at his place in Stuart, FL. He is up and around; when we talked to him he was getting ready to drive to the Heights for a dinner for President's Circle. Jim wants to stay involved with the volleyball team in some non-playing capacity. • **Walter Sullivan**, as always, did a great job with the Latetare invitations. We want to commend the 13 classmates who took the trouble to respond. They were: Dom DeStefano, Joe Foley, Bill Hannan, Dan Holland, Bob Huddy, John Honahan, Joe Kelley, Bob Mead, Lou Melanson, Bill Nash, Tom Ryan, Dick Vaughan, and Jim Woods. Not all were able to attend, but their responses were appreciated. • **George Murphy**, the oldest member of our class at 93, is not well but his wife, Elizabeth, is carrying on bravely in the house she loves. "The best house on the Cape" she says, "with sweeping views of the marshes and with all kinds of interesting birds." If you feel like doing a kind deed, send a card to George at 74 Estey Ave., Hyannis, MA, 02601. • Another Cape Codder, **Frank Dinan**, reports from Sandwich that all is well with him and Janet. He is still playing golf, but not as much or as well as a few years ago when he had his handicap down to six. • **Frank Sullivan**, also retired on the Cape, finds that life is still good, thanks to the capable efforts of his wife of 57 years, Edna, who makes up for his disabilities. When asked if he had anything unusual to report, he told us that one of his sons, Lawrence, is

a lawyer who lives on the side of a mountain in Vermont, loves to hunt, has a wife who is a champion tennis player, has no children, and commutes to his law office in Wrentham, MA. • **Tom Ryan**, professor of biology at BC and Salem State, also had something unusual to report. He revealed that he is probably unique in that he has four brothers who became Jesuit priests: Rev. Lawrence Ryan, SJ, who served in a variety of capacities in the New England Province; Rev. Martin Ryan, SJ, presently at Campion Hall; Rev. Joseph Ryan, SJ, who served for 17 years at Baghdad College in Iraq; and Rev. Frank Ryan, SJ, who has spent his whole active life in Jamaica and is currently pastor of St. Ignatius Church in Brownstone, Jamaica. Tom says that his mother loved to raise her sons to be priests and he doesn't know how he went wrong. Good news, no obituaries this time!

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I had an interesting letter from **Rev. Bob Sullivan, OMI** in the Philippines inquiring about class members. I was able to send him a bit of information to update him. Fr. Bob was a prisoner of the Japanese for three years during WWII. He taught at and was president of Notre Dame of Tacurong in the Philippines. His address is Rev. Bob Sullivan, OMI, Retreat and Renewal Center, Mangga St., Mapayapa 1, Capitol Site, 1100 Quezon City, Philippines. • **Gerry and Jack McLaughlin** were at the Laetare Sunday Breakfast, continuing a long-standing tradition. **George Mahoney** had planned to go but had to cancel out. Both Jack and George are still practicing attorneys. • **George Goodwin** has moved back from Florida and is living in Westwood — welcome back George! I received a nice note from him after the Class Luncheon we both attended. • **Charlie Sampson** suffered a stroke at year's end and is in the Cranberry Point Nursing Home in Harwich. We missed very much having Charlie and Kay at the luncheon. I recently had the chance to talk with **Lou Mercier** and **Mark Dalton**. Both are well. • Sorry to have to report the death of four classmates: **Rev. Jack Maguire, SJ**, **Charlie Richardson**, **Jim Gibbons** and **Phil Costello**. Fr. Jack, our

first class president, died at the age of 98 in March. The cardinal celebrated the Mass with **Bishop Larry Riley, STD** as one of the concelebrants. Charlie died in January after a lengthy illness. He had a distinguished career in restaurant related industries, including president of the Waldorf Systems. He had retired to Boca Raton, FL. **Jim Gibbons** had retired from the FBI and was living in Portland, ME. **Phil Costello**, who died early in June, had been a publishers representative in New England and owned bookstores in Boston and Chestnut Hill. He later became a librarian at Merrimack College. Please remember our classmates and their families in your prayers. • I recently learned of the deaths of **John Haggerty's** wife, Virginia, and **Lou Mercier's** wife, Jean. Our sympathy and prayers go to John and Lou. • **Mary and I** had a great 12 day trip to Scotland and Ireland in March with one of our daughters and her husband. The Class Luncheon in May was another fun get-together. Those attending were: **Gene Arcand**, **Joe Clougherty**, **Bob and Rita Condon**, **George Goodwin**, **John Haggerty**, **Frank and Dorothy Hilbrunner**, **Frank Kearns**, **Joe and Mary Keating**, **Bernie and Mary Kelley**, **John and Helen Kilderry**, **George Mahoney**, **Jack and Gerry McLaughlin**, and **Bishop Larry Riley**. Having to cancel out at the last minute were **Arlene Arcand**, **Gerry and Gracie Burke**, **Terri Provenzano**, and **Virginia Janella**. In addition to those at the luncheon, I heard from **Bill Ellis**, **Steve Hart**, and **Denny Dooley**. I also had notes from the following widows: **Mary Flaherty**, **Mary Cahill**, **Peg McCarthy**, and **Wanda Miles**. **Mary and Brendan Shea** also had to skip this year. **Brendan** is doing well and wants to be remembered by all his classmates. The class consensus is to continue the lunches, especially next year — our 65th year out of BC. Stay tuned.

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Angelo A. DiMattia, whose name has headed this column for over 60 years, died Thursday, May 18, at the Life Care Center in Stoneham. Angelo spent several weeks in intensive care before his passing. His funeral was held on Monday, May 22,

with Mass at Our Lady of the Presentation Church, Brighton. Accompanying your reporter at the Mass were **Capt. Charles A. Iarrobino** and **Joseph C. Barry**. The sympathy of the entire class of '37 is extended to his wife, **Gulia**; his two sons **Philip**, of Florida, and **Paul**, of Lexington; his daughter, **Joanne Crooker** of Duxbury; and his sister, **Elvira DiMattia**, of Boston. • **Jim Dougherty** of Andover called and reported that a reunion of the Stage Neck Inn attendees was held at York, ME, May 8-11. **Jim and Sheila** were accompanied by **Lucille and Bill Doherty**, **Joan McDermott** (Tom), **Anne Curtin** (George), **Penny Sullivan** (Tim), **Rita Ford** (Fred), and **Alice Lavin** (Bud). **Jim** said that the next three day get-together will begin on October 29 at Stage Neck and any classmates who are interested may contact him or the Stage Neck Inn directly. • **Joe Walsh** called again from Tequesta, FL and announced that he is enjoying painting with watercolors and oils. He notes that he has also begun to teach calligraphy in the "Sunshine State." At **Joe's** suggestion, I called **Morris Blitz**, at the University of Missouri, St. Louis. Despite his retired status, **Morris** still retains an office there and appears two days a week to supervise the department he founded many years ago. **Morris** is in excellent health and can't wait for our 75th year reunion.

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Only five of our classmates attended Laetare Sunday service this year: **Peg and Joe Horne**, **Phyllis and Paul Mulkern**, and **Peter Kirsliis**. Others, who planned to be there but couldn't make it, were **Carolyn Bergin**, **Ruth and John Castelli**, **Pauline and Tony DiNatale**, **Bill Finan**, **Charley Kimball**, **Ellen and Herb Scannell**, and **Dorothy Schultz**. • It is with much sadness that I pass on the news of the deaths of classmates **Frank Finnegan**, **Martin Hanley**, **Joe Lincoln**, **Elizabeth O'Connor** (Thomas E. O'Connor's wife), **Joe Runci**, and **Frank Ryan**. May their souls rest in peace.

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We have no obituaries to report and that's encouraging to us all. We can only report on those classmates living close enough and feeling healthy enough to attend two recent class functions. Laetare Sunday's Alumni Breakfast once again brought together the "old" reliables, viz. **John and Elaine Lynch**, **Paul and Florence Keane**, **Charlie and Natalie Murphy**, **Frank and Ann Sennott**, **Ed and Barbara Quinn**, **John and Mary Donovan**, **Peter Kerr**, and **Arthur Sullivan**. • At our most recent meeting on June 6, Barat House provided the setting for cocktails, lunch, and relaxed discussions enjoyed by the following '39ers: **John and Elaine Lynch**, **Herb and Cheryl Chernack**, **Al and Anne Branca**, **George and Pat Devlin**, **Eleanor Doherty**, **Anne Donovan**, **Teresa Ebrecht**, **Nelson Erickson**, **Anna Fitzgerald**, **Larry Fitzgerald**, **Paul and Flo Keane**, **Peter Kerr**, **Gina McCarthy**, **Dermot McDonough**, **Rev. Joe McGrath, SJ**, **Fred Molloy**, **John and Mary Monahan**, **Charlie and Natalie Murphy**, **Joe Palermo**, **Ed and Barbara Quinn**, **Louis Sacco**, **Frank and Ann Sennott**, **Arthur and Mary Sullivan**, and **Vickey Wrigley**. Unfortunately, **Mary and I** had pre-booked and pre-paid for a week's vacation on an island named after me in the Virgin Islands. Ergo, we couldn't make this last class affair. But there's more good news! **Prexy John Lynch** recently advised us that a generous classmate who prefers to remain anonymous has provided John with a number of copies of *The Junior Pic* — Boston College, May 1938. This 16 page publication has a cover designed by the late **William Robert Fleming** that features the mirror image of each of us on that Prom Nite as we looked in our fantasy and in our reality. Inside the publication, the class notes, polls, and photos bring back wonderful memories. And — Oh Yes — just in case you forgot, there is a two page list of those who attended and the names of your 1938 femme fatale — your date, heartthrob, or even your spouse. If you are interested in receiving a copy of this wonderful relic of yesteryear, please contact **John Lynch** or use me as a conduit. One final note, since it happens that I'm penning these class notes shortly af-

ter Memorial Day — let me remind you that our Memorial Mass for the deceased members of our class and/or their spouses will once again be held this fall. Watch your mail for the date, place, and time and we hope that you'll be able to attend. Finally, by the time you read this I'll have moved to my new address above and I'll be happy to hear from you.

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With our recent memorial Mass and luncheon on June 8, the Class of 1941 concluded its 59th year as distinguished members of the Boston College Alumni Association. Over 50 people attended the event, a number of which included the widows of deceased classmates and selected invited guests. The memorial Mass was concelebrated by our clergy classmates present, with the solemn intonation of the names of our deceased classmates as a reminder of our own mortality. As expected, the Laetare Sunday Mass and breakfast was a sellout function. Our featured speaker was John Harrington, CFO of the Boston Red Sox. The breakfast was also the occasion to intro-

duce our new executive director of the Alumni Association, Grace Cotter Regan. Thanks to **Bob Sliney's** dynamic efforts at getting so many classmates to attend, including **Bishop Joe Maguire**. It is gratifying to note that the Class of 1941 surpassed in number the attendees from classes in the years immediately surrounding our graduation year. • It was with great sorrow that we learned of the death of our illustrious **Charlie O'Rourke** on April 14. As we fondly recall, "Chuckin" Charlie was like a magnet, drawing us all to exalted levels of pride as we basked in the reflected glory of his accomplishments on the playing field. • Recent attempts at updating our class roster and related directories uncovered the names of several classmates who passed away during recent years, without acknowledgment in this column. Herewith, to the families, relatives, and friends of **George Casserly, MD** (died May 21, 1997), **Paul Merlesena** (died April 18, 2000), **Roger Butler** (died November 6, 1999), and **Jim Macken** (died last year), we extend our sincerest sympathies. • Again, **Jack Mulroy** (Newport Beach, CA) must forego his contemplated reunion with us due to health setbacks. Jack's son forward an article describing the Herculean efforts by Jack and several of his shipmates to procure a Catholic chaplain for religious services before his ship was to engage Japanese kamikazes in the Pacific Theater. Jack, don't stop planning to join us in the future. • Next year will be our 60th year as alumni of Boston College; it's not too early to start making plans for an ambitious celebration. Perhaps a special committee will organize this very special milestone in our collective experience. Let's hear from you about ideas and programs that will make the 60th year parallel our 50th for stockpiling wonderful memories.

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Congratulations to Carmen and **Dick Callahan**, and to Jeanne and **John Gibbons** on the celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversaries during the current year. • As I write this in May my thoughts go back to December and the Christmas card I received from **Bill Freni**. He never forgets. • This past winter,

social life in Naples, FL was active. Classmates present at the reception for Rev. Leahy, SJ included **Jim Stanton**, **Frank Colpoys**, and yours truly. • Lest I forget, my thanks to **Gerry Joyce** for his excellent column in the spring issue. • Personally and on behalf of the Class, sincere sympathies to **Joan and Jack McMahon** on the death of their youngest son, Kevin, last October 31 at age 39. If memory serves me correct, he was their third such loss. Kindly remember him and them in your prayers. • Your prayers are also requested for **Bernie Farragher's** brother, Rev. Leo J., who died November 10; for **Joe Pazniokas's** sister, Anna who died November 29; for **Paul Trifiro** who died March 7; for **Ronnie Corbett's** brother Francis who died March 24; for **Frank Rogan** who died April 29; and for **Dave Birtwell's** wife Carol Ann who died May 29. • On March 8 my wife and I, along with Winifred and **Bob Troy**, had dinner with Dorothy and **Ed McDonald**. Ed died March 31. I have many fond memories of Ed. Space permits me to share only one. The night before my first coronary by-pass surgery, my family (including grandchildren) was gathered at the hospital. The atmosphere was like that at a wake until Ed arrived. Within minutes everyone, including yours truly, was laughing and relaxed. Ed, who had gone through similar surgery, proceeded to show us life before and after surgery. Ed put on quite a show. I shall miss him. • **Jim Stanton** has recovered nicely after surgery to remove spurs from his spine. • Eleanor Maguire had a heart valve replaced. She too is doing well. • The BC Club of Southwest Florida proudly represented Alma Mater in the Naples St. Patrick's Day Parade. Louise and **Jack Hart** helped make my stay in Naples more enjoyable. Jack provided me with my only golf victory. • Thanks to **Tom Hinchey** the Class was well represented at the Laetare Sunday Observance held April 2. In addition to Tom, classmates present included **Charlie Ahern**, **Jim Boudreau**, **Fran Doherty** (with his son Tom), **John Fitzgerald**, **Terry Geoghegan**, **Bucky Harris**, **Paul Heffron**, **Gerry Joyce**, **Rita and Frank Mahoney**, **Paul O'Hara**, **Leo Strumski**, **Mary and Bob Muse** (incidentally Bob flew a "plane" not a "plain" as reported in the winter issue of the BC Magazine). • For the first time since its inception, **Charlie Ahern** was forced to miss our annual Memorial Mass. Incidentally, approximately 70 individuals were present for the Mass and luncheon.

A list will be furnished upon request. Please remember my son-in-law, **Michael McLaughlin '72**, in your prayers. Michael died April 11, 2000. A scholarship in his memory as been established at BC. The football season has begun. You'll find me in section R, row 24, seat 13. May Thanksgiving Day be filled with happy memories for you and yours.

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It is our sad duty to extend condolences to Dorothy Daly on the death of her husband **Martin Daly** who died in November. He was a veteran of four year service in the US Air Force and a longtime employee of the US Postal Service. • Many thanks to **Helen and Bob O'Meara** for their fine work at Laetare Sunday where the following appeared: **Ed Lambert**, **Bob Blute**, **Jean and Paul Healy**, **Jack Hayes**, **John Foynes**, **Maureen and Al Donovan**, **Ernie Santosuosso** and representing her ill husband was **Carol Finnegan**. • From FL, we had a fine note from **Tom Curry**. • We wish to thank the following widows for their support of class dues: **Nancy Connor**, **Mary Boudreau**, **Mary Ferriter**, **Kay Diver**, and **Mary Sweeney**. Also, thanks to those classmates for a little extra support in class dues: **John Stewart**, **John Logue**, and **Paul Healy**. • Recently, I received a note from **Agnes Lyons** who reports that **Joe Lyons** was just out of the hospital and would welcome a note. • A recent report from **Bernie Henken** tells us that his biography is included among the "2000 Outstanding Scientists of the 20th Century," published by the International Biographical Center, Cambridge, England. • Congratulations of the Class are extended to **Ed Lambert** on his election as president of the Paul Revere chapter, TROA. • Odds and ends: **Frank Hill** has returned from FL where he says he missed classmates in the annual St. Pat's Day Parade. • **Marie and George Criss** leave FL for the summer in New Seabury. • **Jim Duane** says he and Jeanne had a "tough" '99, but are in slow recovery. • Many thanks to **Jim Harvey**. The Class had a pleasant golf day on June 5, but not as many players as we've had in the past; the ranks are thinning! Some of the results: low gross: a tie between **Jim Harvey** and **John Foynes**; low net: **John Bellissimo**; nearest

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the pin: Jack Hayes; long drive: John Foyne. Other players: Al Donovan, Frank Richards, Tom Manning, and Tom Murray who exercised with some brief pitching and putting. Coming along to the golf dinner later were Jim Sullivan, Marie Murray, Marie Bellissimo, Pat and Bill Shea, Mary and Ed O'Connor, and Ernie Santosuosso. It was good to see **Frank Flaherty** after many years. • As we look forward to the fall, all are reminded that we are planning our annual Fall Festival, Mass for our deceased, and lunch in Barat House. This big event will be held on Sunday, October 1 at the Newton Law School Campus. Specific information on the event will be in the mail early in September and we look forward to seeing many at this event. In the meantime, please keep in touch!

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We finished our 55th Anniversary Celebration at the Heights on June 1. It was a great event with 62 classmates and spouses attending. We started off with a dinner at the Boston College Club on the 36th floor of 100 Federal Street. After dinner, we returned to Vanderslice Hall where 40 of us stayed. We started off the next day with a fine breakfast in the Cabaret Room in Vanderslice. Following this, some played golf at the Commonwealth Golf Course and others took the Duck Tour around the streets of Boston and on the Charles River. We played a Calloway System at the golf event with **Tom Moran** coming in first, followed by **Leo McGrath**, **Lou Sorgi**, **Bill Hamrock**, and **Dave Carey**. Yours truly won the closest to the pin on the fourth hole. **Bill Cornyn** chaired the event and did his usual good job with the 14 of us. We gathered at night in the Heights Room where many stories were told and a delicious meal was enjoyed by all. The next morning, we had a continental breakfast at St. Mary's Hall and a Mass celebrated by our classmate

Rev. Patrick Kelly, SJ. Jack Kineary and **Ernie Graustein** were servers (altar boys, in our day), **Paul Ryder** and **Bill Hamrock** did the meetings, with **Miriam** and **Don McMorro** as Eucharistic ministers. Fr. Pat's homily reflected on our deceased members as well as those in need of our prayers. Fr. Pat is resigning his position as pastor of St. Mary's in Woburn. Following Mass we had a luncheon at Gasson Hall (T-100). This was our final event of the anniversary. I will list the attendees (with the number in parenthesis indicating the numbers of guests): **Bowe (1)**, **Broggi (1)**, **Bruno (1)**, **Burns (1)**, **Kay Campbell (0)**, **Canceillere (1)**, **Carey (1)**, **Colbert (1)**, **Cornyn (0)**, **Curry (1)**, **Dawson (1)**, **Devlin (0)**, **Earley (1)**, **Graustein (1)**, **Greenler (1)**, **Hamrock (1)**, **Harrington (1)**, **Hern (1)**, **Audrey Keenan (0)**, **Kineary (1)**, **LaFerriere (1)**, **Loftus (1)**, **McAleer (1)**, **McCarthy (1)**, **McCready (1)**, **McGrath (1)**, **McMorro (1)**, **Moran (1)**, **Paget (1)**, **Power (0)**, **Ryder (1)**, **Santamaria (1)**, **Seaver (1)**, **Sorgi (1)**, **Barbara Tracy (0)**. **Miriam** and **Don McMorro** came all the way from California. **Mary Ellen** and **Tom Moran** came up from Texas. During our celebration we heard **Fr. Hogan**, wife of **John Hogan**, had suddenly passed away on May 28. **Fr. Hogan** was a retired nurse educator from Greater Lowell Technical School, a World War II veteran of the US Navy Nurses Corp, a graduate of the BC School of Nursing in 1949, and a Golden Eagle. She is survived by five children, eight grandchildren, and a sister. Ten of us attended either the wake or funeral where we offered our sympathy to **John** who is recovering from abdominal cancer. • **John McCarthy** (our class treasurer) and **Joe Figurito** will have both had surgery by the time you read these notes. I also just heard that **Charlie Earley** had a stroke June 2, and is at Boston Medical Center. Our prayers are with all the sick members of the class and their families. **Clare Jancsy**, wife of **Henry Jancsy**, is recovering from a stay in the hospital and is doing well (as is **Henry**). I was very pleased to see **Joan** and **John McGowan** at the wake. **John** was one of the 75 BC students sent to Brown University in the V-12 Navy Program in 1943. I also saw **Rev. Gerry McGann, SJ** at our dinner in the Heights Room. The Class received a letter of thanks for our support of the Second Helping charity event that supports food for the homeless in Boston. • Did you know that **Joe Figurito** was invited to lecture on opera at the San

Francisco Opera Company and **Dave Hern** is president of Commonwealth Coop Bank in Boston? • At the close of our 55th Anniversary year there are Alumni trips in the fall to Army (Sept. 8) and Notre Dame (Nov. 10). If interested, call **Mary Neville** at the Alumni Office: (617) 552-4700.

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William Mannix died on May 30th after a short illness. He entered Boston College as a member of the Class of 1945. After serving three years in the Armed Forces, he returned to graduate in 1948. **Bill** owned and operated **Mannix Liquors** and **Eagan's Market** (Cambridge, MA) with his brother **Jack**. **Bill** is survived by his wife of 51 years, **Joan**, and their eight children. • **Mary E. (Costello) Gleason**, sister of **James Costello**, died on June 9. **Bill Noonan** and **Irene** and **Bill Melville** represented the class at the funeral. • **Louise Callahan** wrote that her daughter, **Alison**, graduated from Boston College with the Class of 2000. She received a B.A. in Music and Psychology. She also gave a soloist voice recital in April in Gasson Hall. She dedicated the last song in the program to her late father, **Frederic L. Callahan**, Class of 1948, "You're Still In My Heart." **Allison** will return to Boston for graduate work in musicology. The **Callahan's** eldest daughter, **Siobhan**, is engaged, and her wedding is planned at the Smith Chapel in Northampton. Their son, **Erin**, is in his first year at Emerson College. **Louise** said that **Fred** and she had a wonderful time at the 50th reunion and that he was so proud to be a golden eagle. In Sep-

tember 1998, **Fred** underwent surgery and died on November 10, 1998. • **Bill Melville**, our Class President, took a course at the Biological Laboratory in Bermuda. He walked 26 miles during his stay there. • A good portion of our class spent the winter in Florida. Several participated or marched in the St. Patrick's Day parade in Naples. Among them were **Gerri** and **Joe Donohue** and **Pat** and **Bob Morris**. **John Corcoran** and **Jim Costello** played golf in Naples. **Gen Nash** and **Al DiVito** are working on a golf tournament. • The Class was represented at the Laetare Sunday celebration. Among those attending were **Bill** and **Irene Melville**, **Fran Perry**, **John** and **Eileen Nee**, **Bill Noonan**, **Paul Ryan**, **Robert Marshall**, and **Tim Buckley** and **Suzanne Kearney**.

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There have been a few gatherings since our last column. The first was the Second Helping fund-raiser at Fenway Park - a great time and a favorite of our late, great, **Joe Dowd, MD**. **Mary** was there on a cane and has since gone to Lahey to have a new hip. She is now in rehab and doing well. **Hank Barry** is also in the hip replacement business and reports that all is well. He is playing plenty of golf in New Hampshire these days. **Leo Joy** is playing each day at Manchester Country Club and reports he spent Christmas in Thailand in the mountains with the natives. Not too many '49ers were at the Second Helping party. President **John McQuillan** and the lovely **Dorothy** were there. Also gracing the elegant affair were **Joan** and **Ed Marshall**. The next day was Laetare Sunday at the Heights. Present were: **Dr. Jim Whelan**, **John Hickey**, **Joe Quinn**, **John Meaney**, **Bob McLoud**, **Bill Leonard**, **John Driscoll**, **Tom O'Connor, MD**, **John McQuillan**, **Sahag Dakesian**, **Lou Vesco**, **Ernie Ciampa**, **John Prince**, **Don McA'Nulty**, **Rev. Fred Murray, SJ**, **John Bradley**, **Bill Cohan**, **Charlie Brennan**, **Ed Murphy**, **Joe Gauvin**, **Ed Marshall**, and **Jim Houlihan**. Many wives were also present. • We are very sorry to announce several deaths in the Class of '49 ranks: **Thomas Power**, a history professor at Boston State College and **Roxbury Community College**, passed away

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after a long bout with Parkinson's disease; **Armando "Mundo" Provitola** died February 19, in Malden; and **Chris Garrahan** of Framingham passed away on February 12, 2000. In Florida we receive news of the passing of Ann Waters, wife of classmate **Leo Waters**; and in Danvers the passing of Marguerite Reiniger the wife of **Philip J. Reiniger**. Finally, the sad news of the death of **Robert E. Kelleher, MD** who passed away at the New England Medical Center. Bob was born and raised in Lynn. After BC, he went to Tufts Medical. He served in the Navy during the Korean War and practiced plastic surgery in New Bedford until his retirement in 1988. He leaves his wife, Barbara, and four children. Bob was buried in the National Veterans Cemetery in Bourne. Bob was my roommate at the 25th reunion. He made an immediate impression on all who met him. He was a great supporter of BC. He and **Joe Dowd** led the class in fundraising and we will miss him greatly. • On a happier note, the beginning of the 55th Year Reunion got off to a great start on Friday, May 12 with a dinner at BC. Present were: Mary and **Ed Murphy**, Alyce and **Dan Donovan**, Kitty and **Bob Curran**, Marion and **Charlie Brennan**, Madelyn and **John Carney**, Anne and **Arthur Ashur**, Mary Amsler, Kathryn and **Bernie McCabe**, Paula and **Peter Rogerson**, Frances and **Francis Bowman**, **Joe Gauvin**, Mary and **Ed Croke**, **Francis Murphy**, Margaret and **Sahag Dakesian**, **John Emmons**, Pat and **Jack Waite**, **Dolly Abley**, Joan and **Gerry Pucillo**, Constance and **Ed Ryan**, Barbara and **Jim Fitzgerald**, Ann and **Bert Hornwell**, Jan and **Ron Leary**, **Joe Traverse**, **Dot Harney**, **Dot** and **John McQuillan**,

Mary and **Vin Nuccio**, Pat and **Jim O'Neil**, **Paul Breslin**, Amedia and **Don St. Andre**, Patricia and **Bob McLoud**, Pat and **Jack Turner**, Ann and **Bill Butler**, Mary and **John Hickey**, Sally and **John Meany**, Louise and **Jim Whelton**, Mary and **Tom O'Connor**, Fran and **Bill Cohan**, Margaret and **Ernie Ciampa**, and Mary **McEttrick**. • Keep on trucking!

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The following classmates attended the April 2, 2000, communion breakfast on Laetare Sunday: Jack Allison, Richard A. Barrett, Edward P. Brady, Anthony M. Briana, Frank Carr, Bob Chandler, John B. Casey, Joseph F. Casey, Gerald Coakley, M. Brendan Fleming, Thomas Goff, Robert F. Harwood, William J. Horrigan, Daniel Healy, James Lennon, Leo J. McDonough, Bill McNally, Daniel Monahan, Edward P. O'Connor, Austin J. O'Malley, Gerald M. O'Meara, George T. Padula, Gene Ratto, Raymond L. Shaw, Edward J. Sulick, MD, Lawrence H. Sullivan, Patrick D. Sullivan, John F. Travers, Paul K. Tucker, Richard S. Tyrell, Frank Walley, J. Daniel Walsh, Joseph E. Warren, Norman Wells, and John Weston. John Harrington '57, CEO of the Boston Red Sox, was the speaker. • In early April, I took a 15 day trip to four countries in Europe. I give France credit for their effort in preparing Paris for the new millennium. All the trees, lawns, bushes, and shrubs were immaculately manicured. The Louvre and Notre Dame have been sandblasted. Napoleon's Tomb and all the statues have been newly minted with 24k gold leaf. Paris was never more beautiful! On Wednesday, April 12, I passed through the Holy Door at St. Peter's in the Vatican. This being the Holy Year, I gained weight — the millennium 2000 indulgence. • The BC Golden Eagles Class of '50 Golf Tournament was at the Wayland Country Club on Wednesday May 17, 2000. Tee #1 10 am: Bob Murphy, Paul Kearns, Jim Gallivan, John Fisher. 10:08 am: James McDonough, Gerry Coakley, Frank Mahoney, Bob Rowan. 10:16 am: Ed Quinn, Gerry Curtis, Bill Logue, Paul Fay (they finished in 3rd place). 10:24 am: Tom Sampson, Warren Lewis, Ed Brady, Bernie Burke.

10:32 am: Fr. Gil Phinn, John J. Farrell, Jr., Norman Murray, Gene Ratto (this team finished in 2nd place). 10:40 am: Ray Shaw, Vic McInnis, Joe Warren, Joe McCaffrey. 10:48 am: Joe Casey, Jack Casey, Art Green, Jr., Mike Pinelli. 10:56 am: Ed Clasby, John Garrahan, Bob Chandler, Bob O'Connell (this team finished in 3rd place also). 11:04 am: Connie Lyons, Bob O'Brien, James Collins, Bob Quegan (this team finished in 1st place). 11:12 am: John O'Hare, Norman Gaudet, Bob Heavey, John Sullivan. 11:20 am: George Osganian, Nora Osganian, Carolyn Palladino, Bob Palladino. 11:28 am: John Casey, Frances Casey, John Sullivan, Virginia Sullivan. 11:36 am: James Campbell, Dan Healey, Richard Burke, Tim Davern. 11:44 am: Frank Donelan, William Donelan, Ed Coleman, Bill Mulvey. 11:52 am: Ed Fegeron, Joe Sullivan, Dan Finnegan, John Regan. 12:00 pm: Jack Gilmore, Tom McGagh, Marie McGagh. Closest to the pin: John O'Hare. Longest Drive: Bob Palladino. • **Bob Harwood** was honorary chief marshal representing the Golden Jubilee Class of 1950 at the BC Commencement on Monday morning May 22. The reunion gift Class of 1950 chairman was **Robert L. Sullivan, Sr.** We had 244 classmates attend our Golden Jubilee reunion at BC. If you would like a list of attendees, contact the Alumni Association at 617-552-4700. A high point of the Golden Eagle week came on Wednesday, May 17, at the Wayland Country Club when the weather cooperated with a beautiful sunny day. Since January 2000, **Ed Brady** and **Jackie Farrell** have spent many hours preparing for the tournament and the Lord rewarded them with an excellent day.

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The cluster reunion for '50-'53 evoked almost every aspect of the human condition that I can think of! We prayed, with Sister Gail O'Donnell, RSCJ NC '56 and in the Liturgy on Sunday, we learned with Professor Thomas O'Connor, we ate, we talked, we laughed! We listened to reminiscences from four classmates. We were surprised that some people looked very much the same, we admired graceful aging, we were sad when remembering those

who have gone. It all began Friday evening, April 28, when we gathered at Alumni House (Duchesne) for a buffet supper, a time to reconnect, accompanied by some loud shrieks as people came through the door. We were a perfect fit for our old library. Saturday morning was a good combination of the spiritual and temporal. Sister O'Donnell inspired people to express their experiences of God and Professor O'Connor enlightened both Boston natives and "outlanders" on the history of our city. We lingered over box lunches before enjoying free time for the rest of the afternoon. Saturday evening we met at the Heights Room at Boston College. No demerits could be handed out for inappropriate dress. Everyone looked festive. Father Monan, the Chancellor of Boston College accepted our gift for the Newton College Professorship with gracious thoughts about Newton and the Religious of the Sacred Heart. **Sister Hilda Carey, RSCJ NC '50**, offered grace before we enjoyed a lovely dinner, during which we were entertained by the Heightsmen — a Boston College singing group. **Mary Frechette '50**, our mistress of ceremonies, introduced **Helene Sweeney Doyle '50**, **Anne Elcock Sullivan '51**, **Jeanne Hannon Grace '52**, and **Peggy McIntyre Weinstock '53** who spoke about our days at Newton College and beyond. Sister Maribeth Tobin, RSCJ accepted our gift for the Kenwood Chapel Fund, assuring us of the prayers of the Religious in the refurbished chapel especially in this 200th year jubilee of the society. The Liturgy on Sunday morning was celebrated by Reverend Robert Farrell, SJ who graciously took the place of Reverend William Leonard, SJ who died in January. **Elisa McDonald '51** led the singing. Father Farrell began his homily with a few sentences and then asked the Class of '50 if they could remember those words preached to them by Father Leonard in the spring of '47! Combined with Elisa's beautiful singing the Mass was a remarkable experience. We closed our reunion where the Class of '50 began in the fall of '46: Barat House. Once again, we lingered over breakfast filled with joy and gratitude for the glorious time together. It was our privilege to have Sister Elizabeth White, RSCJ with us. She also represented the Religious who could not be there. I quote herewith a letter from Sister Gabrielle Husson, RSCJ; "The first classes at Newton were critical because those students risked attending an institution that was not fully

accredited, and so enabled it to make a start. Please assure them of the gratitude and prayers of the Religious of the Sacred Heart, and of mine, especially. May I also thank Boston College for graciously and generously sponsoring this celebration. I shall pray for its unqualified success, and also that desired blessings may be showered on BC." • Present at the reunion were the following: Class of '50: Dolly Conlon Abely, Claire DeBlois Canning, Sr. Hilda Carey, RSCJ, Polly Putnam Chatfield, Joan Mitchell Curran, Anne Rogers Devereux, Helene Sweeney Doyle, Joanne Flynn Dutra, Connie Ryan Eagan, Mary McManus Frechette, Agnes Hanford, Lydia Casavant Heck, Florence Canning Mackie, Patricia Walsh McGrath, MaryLou Julian Natoli, Mary Blazo Ortega, Mary King Supple, Chic LaBonte White. Class of '51: Pat Canning Alberding, Mary Tynan Andrews, Madelyn Mahoney Bilodeau, Marna McIntyre Burke, Mary Jani Englert, Elisa McDonald, Anne Elcock Sullivan, Mary Squatrito VerNooy. Class of '52: Joan O'Toole Carr, Joan Flanagan Cochran, Jane Welch Cronin, Carol Kilby Crowley, Guillermin de Vitry de Lacoste, Rita O'Connell Donahue, Jeanne Hannon Grace, Anne Fisher McCabe, Alice Reardon Porell, Gail Pitts Slattery, Polly Heenan Sullivan, Mary Heanue Welch. Class of '53: Mary Claire Dwyer Anhut, Ann White Buttrick, Alice Ann O'Brien Clifton, Louise Lynch Conlon Barbara Kelly Connelly, Ann Fulton Cote, Geraldine Fisher DiCristina, Ann Marie Clausen Dorr, Barbara Powell Good, Barbara Gould Henry, Grace Conley Hiney, Ann Dillon Marshall, Sarah Lee Whelan McSweeney, Pauline Madden Murphy, Jeanne Hartford Savage, Alice Higgins Slattery, Margaret McIntyre Weinstock, Francis Mannix Ziminsky. • As of this date our gift to the Kenwood Chapel Fund is \$10,425 and to the Newton College Professorship at BC \$9,750. • Thank you to the "golden hearts" of the Class of '50 for your willingness to share your reunion with the other three classes who, together, made Newton College complete.

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As I've stated in the past, the tough part of being the correspondent for nearly 50 years is reporting the sad news. This issue brings quite a bit of it. **Francis X. O'Donoghue** of Reading passed away on January 2. Francis was a double eagle with a bachelor's degree and doctorate from BC as well as a master's degree from Harvard. He was the long time superintendent of schools in North Reading. • **Warren Ridge**, another double eagle, BC High and BC, passed away at his home in Scottsdale, AZ January 25. Warren was an aerospace engineer and an author of several books on management. • **Gilbert O. Dempsey** of Franklin passed away on January 22. Gilbert was a retired vice president of BankBoston, where he had a long and distinguished career. • **John D. Gillis, Jr.** of Groton, CT died in April. John was a chemistry major and a retired laboratory supervisor with Pfizer, Inc. • I received a note from **Nicholas Varga**, the self-described rabble rousing columnist of "Looking Things Over" in the Heights. Nick is a retired educator having had a long and distinguished career with Loyola College in Baltimore, MD. He continues to be active as Loyola's archivist and is responsible for many scholarly articles on colonial New York and Virginia, American culture, and Jesuit education. • Yours truly continues to work at the best part-time job in America as executive director of the New England Senior Golfers' Association, second only to the United States Golf Association as the oldest senior golf group in the country. **Jack Casey, Ed Quirk, Ed White and Joe Doucette** from the Class of '51 are members as well as a number of other BC grads. It's countdown time for the 50th. It won't be long before we're in touch regarding the planned activities. Meanwhile, let's hear from you.

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Classmates celebrated St. Patrick's Day from Cape Cod to Naples. **Frank Dooley, Jim Smith, and Alex Morgan** were at the BC Club of Cape Cod's St. Patrick's Day function held at the Ballymeade Country Club. **Will Hynes, Fred Tarpey,** and Mrs. Nyal McAnulty co-chaired a dance held by St. Agatha's and St. Mary's of the Hills in Milton. • Jeanne Dooley got a shillelagh for Frank when they went to Ireland a short while ago. I thought it was a good trade but **Lex Blood and Mike McCarthy** thought some shamrocks should have been included in the deal for good luck. • Down in Naples, the BC Alumni Association had two trolleys in the St. Patrick's Day parade and our class alone filled one of them. The class luncheon held at the Vanderbilt Inn in Naples in March was well attended and **Al Sexton and Joe O'Shaughnessy** put together an enjoyable reunion. The luncheon seems to get bigger and better each year. **Bill Bond, Don McElaney, Steve Casey, Fred Tarpey, Paul Clinton, Bill Walsh, Roger Connor, Hon. John Paul Sullivan, Jerry Dacey, Bernie O'Sullivan, Bob Doherty, Bill Doherty, and Lois Doyle** were there as well as **Jim Kenneally, Jack Leary, Charlie Shennan, Jim Leonard, Dick McBride, Dick Ring, Frank McDermott, Jim Mulrooney, Dave Murphy, Tom O'Connell, and Tim O'Connell.** Al reported that everyone had a good time and the SWAT team wasn't even put on alert. Old age must be setting in! • Many thanks to **Fred Meagher** for handling arrangements for the Laetare Sunday breakfast. Among those attending were **Lex Blood, Charlie Hanafin, John Kellaher, Fran O'Brien, Alex Morgan, George Gallant and Bob Freely.** • Sorry to report the death of **Romeo Bernard, MD**, who was a surgeon in Des Moines, IA. • **Jim Mulrooney and Al Sexton** were ushers at the Red Sox Spring training camp in Fort Myers. Someone commented that if anyone could put you in your proper place it would be those two! • Recently, I saw **Fran Duggan**, who looks like he could step into the Celtic's lineup without any trouble. • The annual Mass for deceased classmates will be October 13 at the Boston College Club, 100 Federal Street, Boston. The view

from the 36th floor is spectacular and **Tom Cullinan** claims the food there is the best in Boston. Hope to see you for an enjoyable evening! Please send news in the meantime.

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My Mary's recovery keeps improving day by day (although the doctors say it might be a long while before she's in full recovery). There is a light at the end of the tunnel, and she has promised me we'll dance together long before our 50th year reunion. Mail keeps coming in from classmates long on the silent list! Let's start with **John Erwin** from 10316 Ash, Overland Park, KS 66201. John is still in Kansas and has been very active there. He just finished a year as chairman of the city of Leawood Chamber of Commerce. He owns the JT & T Accounting and Tax Service, and has no desire to retire. His telephone number is 508-759-9497. He'll be vacationing in Buzzards Bay August 25 through September 5. Another classmate, **Gerry McLaughlin**, also lives in Buzzards Bay. The Erwins have five offspring: two live in Massachusetts, along with three grandkids; two in California; and one in Kansas. • **Barbara McManus**, wife of **Lawrence McManus** tells of their nine children (four of which are BC alumni) and 21 grandchildren between the ages of 2 and 27. After 30 years as a chemist in the US Army labs in Natick (during which he developed the present helmet worn by the military) Lawrence retired and began a second career teaching in Lynn. In 1986, Lawrence was ordained to the permanent diaconate and has been serving as the hospital chaplain along with liturgical duties at St. Joseph's in Lynn. Barbara expressed how proud she is of Lawrence and I'll speak for the class of '53 when I say "so are we." • Remember **Bill Farrell**? What's he been doing? He's been teaching at St. Anselm in Goffstown, NH (Manchester) for 43 years and says he hopes to continue for at least another seven. Bill is a US Navy veteran, has a graduate degree from BC; has six children; three stepchildren; and has been inducted into the St. Anselm College Hall of Fame to honor his involvement in the College's athletic pro-



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grams. The alumni also dedicated a racquetball court as Farrell Court. Bill's another great achiever of the Class of '53. • Understand that **Rev. Larry Drennan, SJ**, our marrying priest, did it again. On October 16 he concelebrated the marriage of classmate **John Neenan** and his wife Barbara at St. Joseph's Church in Lincoln. After a wedding trip to California, Hawaii, Australia, Singapore, and Paris they ran out of money and settled at 2 Elizabeth Drive in Northboro. Please send envelopes! • I see Jean and **Bill Brooks** at the Bosox luncheons where Bill is the president. If you ever need tickets don't call Bill! • **Francis "Lou" Gros Louis**, who started with us in '49 (he lived at O'Connell Hall from '49-'51 and left for the Korean War) never returned to BC after the service, but tells me those two years were most enjoyable and were the foundation of his entire life. He has many BC items to remind him of those wonderful days, and would love to hear from anyone who lived in O'Connell Hall between '49-'51. He has not been active in the alumni clubs because he can't share the pride members have in graduating from BC. But his pride in BC makes him a very vocal advocate for the school and one who never misses an opportunity to encourage young people to attend BC. To contact Lou: Francis "Lou" Gros Louis, PO Box 1019, Leesburg, VA 20177. • Surprising reunions were enjoyed by **John Costa, John Coleman**, and **Joseph Carroll** plus **Dr. Bill Martin** and **Eugene Beliveau**. Prizes were carried over from our non-football event were won by **Jim Willwerth**, **Leo Casey**, **Paul Coughlin**, **Jim Wholly**, and **Bill Martin**. **George Kiesewetter** took home the BC glasses. • Our 5th Annual Golf Outing was held at Wayland Country Club. The team of **J. Lynch**, **Gerald McLaughlin**, and **E. Saville** registered the lowest score. The longest drive went to **James Low**; closest to the pin was won by **Arthur Delaney** and **Paul Ochs**. Door prizes were won by **John Coleman**, **Bill Ostaski**, **Bob Sullivan**, **Paul Coughlin**, and **Paul Ochs**. • Again this year we met many of our classmates at the BC Club of Cape Cod Golf Classic: **Gerard Pyne**, **Dick Horan**, **Tom Vanderslice**, **Paul Murray**, **Don Burgess**, **Bob Sullivan**, **John Raftery**, **Gerald McLaughlin**, **Paul Coughlin**, and **Joseph Hosford**. This group won more than 50% of the prizes. **Rev. Joe Appleyard, SJ** was this year's recipient of the Bald Eagle Award given by the senate of the undergraduate government at

BC. The award recognizes loyalty, scholarship, and leadership that is instilled through a Jesuit education and returned to the community. Congratulations, Joe. • **J. Lynch** had lunch with **Tom Mullen** and reports that both are still working and doing well. • With sorrow I have to report the passing of classmates **Robert Barry**, **Richard Carbone**, and **Jack Ryan**. May they rest in peace. • Our 50th is coming soon. If you have an idea for our 50th Celebration, forward to **Paul Coughlin**, 308 School Street, Watertown, MA 02472. Keep the dues coming. Remember September 23 is BC vs. Navy, our next event. More on it later.

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Last March, Laetare Sunday, which is the school's event of the year, was celebrated with a Mass at St. Ignatius. The communion breakfast was followed by a talk by **John Harrington**, CEO of the Boston Red Sox. He spoke of his teaching days at BC, as well as his pride in his Jesuit education. He was optimistic about a new Fenway Park. The event was well attended by the class of '54. • Thanks to the efforts of **John Ford** and **Lou Totino**, the mini-reunion in mid-May at the Anchorage in Ogunquit, ME, was a huge success. Everyone had a great time at this beautiful resort. The following people were present: **Jane and John Ford**, **George McCarron**, **Peter and Kathy Nobile**, **Murray and Mary Regan**, **Robert and Shirley Sanborn**, **Lou and Lori Totino**, **John and Frances Turco**, **Tom and Verna Lane**, **Bill and Evelyn Maguire**, **Charlie Maloney**, **Dan and Margaret Miley**, **Charley and Constance Pelczarski**, **Dave Pierre**, **Don and June Preskenis**, **Robert and Carol Ward**, **Jim and Mary Jean Coughlin**, **Bob and Caroline Donovan**, **Jim and Margaret Kelley**, **Leo and Claire Maguire**, **Len and Rose Matthews**, **Paul and Janet McKenna**, **John and Nancy Moreschi**, **Tom and Nancy Murphy**. • There were suggestions for next year's 2001 mini-reunion that included a trip to San Francisco, in conjunction with the Stanford football game. A trip to Bermuda was also mentioned. It was good to see classmates participating for the first time in class activities. • We re-

cently heard from **Bill Brady, DDS** that he has retired from his dentistry practice in Franklin. He wrote that he, **Tom Shea**, and **Bob Piro** have been meeting in Vail, CO, for over 30 years, to ski and catch up with their families and careers. Tom is an ophthalmologist in Sherman, TX, and Bob is an attorney in Houston, TX. They have 13 children among them. • **Ray MacPherson** tells us that his son, Doug, is a newspaper reporter for New Hampshire Public Radio in Concord. Doug got started in 1981, when he and a Middlebury College classmate brought out the first news of a military takeover in Krakow, Poland. They were interviewed on the "Chopin Express" en route to Vienna by ABC television. • **George Gallagher** has moved into the greatest condo in San Diego. The view is spectacular. He sees Tijuana to the south, the harbor and Coronado to the southwest, Point Loma to the west, and La Jolla to the north. As of last March, he has five of his sons and all 10 grandchildren in Southern California. George and Connie are delighted. • **Len Matthews's** brother, **Jack '60**, established the "John L. Matthews Scholarship Award" in 1993, **Marjory Cesar**, a junior majoring in political science, was this year's recipient. • Set aside November 19 for the Class of '54 memorial Mass on the Newton campus. Last year's Mass and breakfast was well attended. Many of us have spouses and classmates that have passed on. This is our chance to remember them.

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Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious — that one word sums up our 45th! It can be described as one giant happy house party. The night began with a Memorial Mass in St. Ignatius Church to honor the memory of the deceased alumnae and alumni of all the anniversary classes. We were proud to have **Rev. Frank Strahan, SJ** and **Rev. Albert Stankard, SJ** represent our class as concelebrants. Both **Fr. Strahan** and **Fr. Stankard** are in Framingham. **Fr. Strahan** is pastor at St. Bridget's and **Fr. Stankard** is in team ministry at St. Stephen's. Mass was followed by a scrumptious clambake in a heated tent. The BC Dining Service is to be both thanked and congratulated for

a wonderful spread. Music for the night was by the **Joe DiCarlo Trio** and they kept us singing all night long as they moved from table to table. We had more classmates in attendance than we have had in years (109). Believe it or not, I wasn't able to gather much news and I am depending on our wrap-up meeting for the committee members to fill me in. I do know that **Carla DePrizio LaPlante** is going to St. Petersburg and Lithuania to trace her family tree. She proudly announced that when her grandson enters BC High in the fall, he will be the fifth generation of her family to do so. Both **Hugh Mayo** and **Mary Jane Kelly Dempsey** took a pass on coming because of the impending arrival new grandchildren. Congratulations on the safe arrival of the little ones. **Dorothy Ching Hughes** was in North Carolina on the 20th and is going to Europe this summer. Dorothy reports that **Nancy Costello Townley's** daughter, **Theresa**, is in Liberia, West Africa with the Doctors Without Borders. I'd like to acknowledge the following classmates for their contributions to making the year a success: **Jean O'Neil** chaired the basketball event; **Bob Kelleher** made oodles of phone calls and got an excellent response for Laetare Sunday; and **Joan Sexton Callahan**, **Jerry Donahoe**, **Matt McNamara** and **John O'Connell** put together an interesting booklet of pictures of our college years to give as favors. John's daughter, **Kathleen**, '87, shared her expertise and helped them with the project. There are a few copies left so if you would like one, send a check for five dollars to me, made out to the Class of 1955, and John will send you one. I cannot leave the topic of the reunion without acknowledging **Lynn Vellante** and **Arlene Fleming** of the Alumni Office. Without their invaluable assistance, none of our events would have been so successful. **MaryLou Burke**, of the Class of '56 deserves thanks as well. She graciously volunteered to be at the tent door to act as our greeter and ticket taker. Thanks also to the members of the committee who did come to the meetings. I want to apologize if I turned any of you away from giving your class dues by mentioning the class gift to the Alumni's Second Helping Program. I understand that you might prefer to give to the charity of your choice and thus made the decision not to pay class dues or to pay a fraction of them. The main reason for the class dues is to support class activities, pay for mailings, keep the cost of events as low as

possible, and allow us to do the extras that add to an event. In answer to a question: we will not be sending out newsletters. They were done by the Alumni Office for the anniversary year and were paid for by us. Make a mental note for the third weekend in May of 2005. We become Golden Eagles! Plan on joining us. The sympathy of the class goes out to **Ruth Henning Sweeney** and her family on sudden death of her husband, Hugh. He seemed like a member of the class as he came to all our events with Ruth.

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The faithful four friends made another reunion. They are **Pat Mitchell**, **Winnie Hicks**, **Mary Hanlon**, and **Jane Hone**. We were joined by **Helen Sullivan Finley** for her first reunion, coming from Milwaukee where she recently retired from teaching technical science courses in health related fields (nursing, dental hygiene). She taught in a college for 25 years. Helen has been a widow since 1985 and has raised three children. One of her daughters has a baby girl. Winnie and Ed spend winters in Florida. They enjoy traveling and spending time with their eight grandchildren. Jane and Frank also travel. Frank continues to work in New York and Jane continues her volunteer work in their community and parish (Ministry of Consolation, Renew 2000, and R.C.I.A.). • News on others unable to come: **Dalia Ivaska** retired from teaching at Boston Latin. **Mary Amlaw** wrote from Arunds, ME. She is writing a mystery novel and has had a number of short stories in the mystery field published. **Kuniko Hara** wrote about her busy life in Tokyo as did **Yasuko Ohashi** who is a provincial counselor of RSCJ's. She lives near Kuniko. **Lee Rand Burne** wrote from Nantucket. One of her two sons lives there too. Her husband John died. **Cappy Mullin's** husband died as did **Ellie Reardon's**. We send our sympathy. • We thank **Pat Mitchell** for contacting so many classmates as she helped plan our 45th. We are grateful to Anne Phelan and the BC Alum staff for making us feel so welcome on our old campus.

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By now, you should have received the letter with preliminary plans for events leading up to our 45th reunion next spring, including football, dinner at the BC Club, and *Fiddler on the Roof* at BC. We're planning another reunion golf day. If you have any requests or suggestions, please send them along. • Speaking of golf, **Bishop Frank Irwin, SJ** sponsored a golf outing in May. • **Brother Michael Cook, CFX**, who entered the Xaverian Brothers after graduation, has joined their formation team in Kenya. He was headmaster at their Westwood High School from 1985-1991, and at Malden Catholic High School until 1999. • **Ernestine Bolduc** had a great three days in May at Lake George, and also went to Washington, DC, for the Retired Army Nurse Corps Associates' biennial convention. • There were 40 at our March hockey event and 28 at the accompanying dinner. Marie and I were in Rome, Israel, and Poland, so we missed out. • At the Second Helping Gala, we ate with Bill and **Susan White Sullivan**. She has worked at Catholic Charities in Brockton for about 20 years. **Jack McCarthy**, who recently celebrated his 70th birthday at the BC Club in Boston, greeted us as we entered. **Margie Murphy** was there, as was **Carolyn Kenney Foley** with her sister. Dan Foley was on the committee. **Jack Kennedy** contributed a BC throw to be auctioned. The auction raised almost \$60,000. • Carolyn, Margie, and Jack were also at the Laetare Sunday Communion Breakfast the next day. Marie and I sat with **Marge Callahan** of Lynn, who "regretted having missed her wedding" — I identified her earlier as Marge Callahan Cammarota (Oops!) — and **Mary Anne Tierney Woodward** and a friend. Maire and **Jim McLaughlin** had seen **Jim Hart** marching with the Lexington Militiamen at the South Boston St Patrick's Day Parade. Maire and Jim were planning to attend a croquet school in Florida. **Jerry Sullivan**, **Frank Furey**, and **Peter Colleary** and spouses were with **Betty Casey** and **Alice Shea** at another table. We also saw **Kathleen Donovan Goudie** and **Leo and Claire Hoban McCormack**. Someone said **Mary Lou Sheehan Brown**

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has retired. • We have two deaths to report: **Jim Gallivan** died in December at his home in Quincy. Jim was an auditor for the Agency for International Development, of the State Department, and later for 20 years for the Department of Defense. **Jack Burns** called to say that **Tony DiPerna's** wife had died. In your prayers, please remember them, as well as other classmates and families who may be ill. Please let me know of classmates who are ill or have died and I'll notify the class committee. • Remember to send in a \$25 check for your dues. • Don't forget to keep the news coming; your classmates and I are interested. Many thanks for the information.

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John L. Harrington, CEO of the Boston Red Sox and BC Trustee, was the speaker at the 49th Annual Laetare Sunday Communion Breakfast on April 2. Many of our classmates were in attendance including **Anna Mary Stewart**, **Peg Kenney**, **Dick Coleman**, **Frank Lynch**, **Bill Tobin**, **Paul O'Leary**, **Rev. Joe Fahey, SJ**, **Betty and Jim Turley**, **Charlie Fox**, **Eddie Miller**, **Ed Brickley**, **Steve Brady**, **Honorable Shelia McGovern**, **Bob Latshaw**, **Dave McAvoy**, **Bill McQueeney**, **Tom McDonald**, **Leo Morrissey**, **Bill Cunningham**, **Bill Doherty**, **Bob Tiernan**, **John Wissler**, **Paul McNulty**, **Frank McManus**, **Bob Wilcox**, **Bob Huber**, **Don Haskell**, **Dick Dowling**, **Joe McCloskey**, and **Kathleen Kelley** (Mrs. Joseph Kelley). **Paul McNulty**, class chairman of Laetare, did a great job of getting many classmates to attend. • **Alfred J. Bedard, Jr., PhD** was featured recently on the Discovery Cable Channel for his invention of an early warning tornado device. • **Ed Brickley**, and his wife, **Betsy**, are new grandparents. Daughter **Beth Brickley Murner '84** and father **Dan Murner '85** are parents of **Joseph Patrick Murner** born February 28. •

Jim Devlin, and his wife, **Mary**, became grandparents for the second time. Son, **Jim**, and his wife, **Stella**, had a son, **John Devlin**, in March. Jim also passed on that **Rev. Tom Ahearn, MM** recently celebrated a weekend Mass in May at St. Mary's Church in Foxboro. Fr. Tom was planning six weeks of both vacation and medical reviews. Jim and Mary commented that he looks great and is feeling fine! • **Martin J. Dunn, DMD** was appointed vice president of college relations and special assistant to the president of Regis College in Weston. • **Rev. Joseph R. Fahey, SJ '60** was a recipient of the St. Ignatius Award. It is the highest honor bestowed upon an alumnus by Boston College High School. Fr. Joe was the past president of BC High. • **Steve Brady** and his wife, **Carol**, will be married 41 years in June. They have five children and five grandchildren. Their daughter, **Ellen**, graduated from BC in '84. Son **Steve** is associated with General Dynamics in Taunton. • **Patrick F. Cadigan** is retired, and has moved from Newport Beach, CA to Kohala Coast, HI in April. Pat plans to travel and spend time in South France. Aloha, and good luck. • **Dick Coleman** continues to practice union/labor law full-time. Dick is listed in "Best Lawyers in America," and "Who's Who in American Law." • **Ed Buccigross** reports that all is well. He and his wife **Mary** have four children and seven grandchildren. Son **John** is a sports broadcaster on ESPN. Ed traveled to Italy, Austria, and Germany. He opened a sport card business in Plymouth. • **Jack Daly** is retired from the Somerville school system. He is planning a trip to Scandinavia in June. Jack stays in close contact with **Gerry Hooley**, who is enjoying retirement in San

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Antonio, TX. He has traveled extensively almost all around the world. He is now planning a trip to Israel, Jordan, and Egypt later this year. • **Frederick W. Iarrobino** retired in 1992 after 35 years as director of equipment, material resources and communications of the Mass. Highway Department. He lives in Harwich, and he enjoys all the good things that the Cape can offer. • **Eddie Miller** and Patti made their annual trip to Florida this past winter. They took in the BC baseball game vs. the Red Sox on March 3. Eddie was able to get together with Maureen and John Harrington, Joan and Bill Cunningham, and a large group of BC alumni during their stay in S. Florida. • **Patricia Sgroso Genovese's** daughter Pamela G. Baltz '88, and her husband Ray Baltz GSOM '95 announce the birth of their son, Raymond Edward Baltz. • Your prayers are requested for **Henry Smith** who has been very seriously ill. Henry lives in Needham, and can be reached at (781) 444-0008. • **John L. Harrington** received an Honorary Degree in Public Administration at the Massachusetts Maritime Academy on June 10. John's daughter Debbie and husband Kevin McNulty '82 (**Paul McNulty's** son) received a new arrival "Evin Mary" from Russia in March. • **Robert J. Tiernan** now has three grandchildren, and teaches physics and astronomy at Salem State. • **Rev. John E. McLaughlin, SJ** has been pastor of St. Benedict's Church in Somerville for 15 years. A large congregation of Salvadorians make up his parish. Last September, Fr. John was appointed the priest coordinator for all Holy Name priests in the US, Canada, Mexico, and the Philippines. • **Jim Turley** retired in June after 43 years in education. He spent 33 years at Rhode Island College. He recently has been appointed special assistant to the Rhode Island Commission of Higher Education for Academic Policy and Planning. As Jim so aptly stated, "there's life after retirement after all." • **Tom Wheelan** is a visiting professor at Trinity College in Dublin. He was awarded the 1999 Management Award in Strategic Management and two 1999 McGuffey Awards for Longevity and Excellence for his co-authored book *Strategic Management and Business Policy* (6th edition) by the Text and Academic Authors Association. • **Cecelia Elder Young** is retired from the Veterans Administration in Tampa, FL. She is an amateur organist and choir member. She has lived in FL since 1973. • **Joe Kelley's**

widow, Kay, reports that their eight children are all independent and well. Joe molded them into strong, sensible, and kind adults. He is now gone seven years, but he left a great legacy for all his children, and classmates to follow. Kay is living with daughter, Sarah, in Watertown. Kay retired from teaching two years ago, and spends time with her five grandchildren. Kay, thanks again for your kind note - please keep in touch. • **Joe Cotter's** widow, Kay, contacted me about the death of her sister-in-law, **Mary Ann Keogh Cotter**, who

passed away May 5, 1999. She was the wife of Joe's older brother, Frank Cotter '56. Frank also dropped me a note, and he mentioned that Mary Ann retired in September 1998 after over 41 years in nursing. The Class of '57 extends to Frank and Kay our most sincere sympathy. • The Class also extends its sincere sympathy to the family of **Rev. Eugene P. Sullivan, DED** on the death of his father, Jeremiah J. Sullivan, age 95, on May 6. • Condolences go out to the families of **Donald W. Brown, PhD**, a "Double Eagle," who passed

away March 13; to **Patricia A. Rose** who died May 20; to **Arthur Driscoll** who passed away on March 24; and to **Shirley A. Hayden** who died recently. • I reported earlier in the Spring notes that our classmate **Gerald A. Faverman, PhD** passed away in January. Our classmates, **Betty and Jim Turley**, dropped me a note to elaborate a little further on Jerry's background. He was a professor of social policy at Michigan State University. Jerry's brother, Howard, provided a copy of his obituary that was printed in the Battle Creek Enquirer. It mentioned that Jerry often attributed his professional success as an educator to the superb foundation provided by his education at BC, and remained a firm believer in the value of a liberal arts education. Betty also added that Jerry might have been the only Jewish student at BC in the 1950's. • Best wishes for a happy and safe summer.



On March 15, Boston area Newton College alumnae enjoyed a wonderful reception at UpStairs at the Pudding, a Cambridge restaurant owned by Newton alumna **Mary Catherine Diebel '72**. Following the reception many attended the Hasty Pudding Show. • Approximately 45 NC alumnae in Washington DC, MD, and VA gathered for an annual reception at the home of **Carol O'Donoghue McGarry '67** on Sunday, March 26. • The Cluster Reunion of the first four Newton College classes, held the last weekend of April, was a great success. A gala dinner highlighted the weekend on Saturday evening. Each alumna received a gold charm with the Newton College seal, marking the 50th anniversary of the first graduating class of Newton. **Rev. J. Donald Monan, SJ** spoke at the dinner. A beautiful and moving liturgy in the Newton chapel on Sunday was followed by brunch. • NC classes of 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, and 1975 also returned to campus for reunions on the weekend of May 19-21. The alumnae enjoyed a full weekend of activities, including individual class parties on Saturday evening. The turnout for the weekend was one of the highest ever. • Sister Elizabeth White, RSCJ moderated two spring meetings of the Newton College Book Club. The group met five times during the academic year. The first fall meeting will be on September 19, at Alumni House. The group will be discussing *Possession*, by A.S. Byatt. • **Susan Power Gallagher '69** was elected to the Newton College seat on the Boston College Alumni Association Board of Directors. Susan will be joining **Brigid O'Sullivan Sheehan '61**. Thanks are extended to **Rosemary Golden Simmons '67** for her two years of dedicated service, especially for her work on the Career Services Committee and the Nominating Committee. • October 21, 2000 is the national day of service for the Society of the Sacred Heart. Contact the nearest Sacred Heart school for more info on the community service project in your area. • The AASH National Conference - "Bridging our Heritage to the Future" will be held in San Francisco, April 25 - 29. The AASH website is aashnet.org. It is a great source for info and upcoming events.

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Dennis Anderson, living in New York City, is president of LW Elwood & Company in Ridgewood, NJ. • **Gerard Arsenault** has retired from teaching and is living in New Bedford. • **Roger Aube, Esq.** has retired as an attorney for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. • **John Balmforth**, living in Nashua, NH, continues to practice dentistry in Acton. • **Dick Buckley** is retired and living in Florida. • **Ed Bunyon** is the president/owner of New England Sports Products in Belmont. • **Tom Burgess** is the president of the Thomas Burgess Association in Amherst. • **Gael Burns** is the artist/owner of Logo Graphics in Natick. • **John Cadagan** is the president of Cambridge Valve and Fitting in Billerica. • **Bill Callahan** is a professor of history at the University of Toronto. • **David Callagy** is the assistant director of Catholic Charities in Honolulu. • **Joe Giardina** has retired as the VP of Beech Aircraft

Corps and is living on the Cape. • **Ed Glavickas** has retired from American Express and is living in Oncontia, NY. • **Paul Greene** is working in direct marketing and industrial relations for LPC, a Pitney Bowes Company based in Rockland. • **Joe Honan** is a manager at Polaroid and is living in Wayland. • **John Johnston** has retired from teaching English at Woburn High School. • **Bob Kavanaugh** continues as a partner for Arthur Anderson and is based in Pittsburgh. • **Ed Kazanowski** is an economist with the US Department of Labor and is living in Springfield, VA. • **Dan Mazzola** has retired to Scottsdale, AZ after a career as an engineer with Automatic Electric Company. • **Jack "Mucca" McDevitt**, our industrious and loyal class treasurer, has decided to retire in January 2001 after a long and successful career as a teacher in Medford High School. His lovely wife has decided to work full-time to keep Jack out of her hair! • **Dick McArdle**, living in Hartford, has retired as a partner with Arthur Anderson. • **Joe McCarthy, MD** is a family physician in Newport Beach, CA. • **Frank Meissner** continues to operate his bus insurance agency in Canton. • **Dana McKenney** is the principal of Mascenic Regional High School in New Ipswich, NH. • **Tom Moscarillo, DDS** is living and practicing dentistry in Ipswich, MA. • **Bill Mulcahy**, after retiring from a career in the US Foreign Service, is now self-employed in Sandwich on the Cape. • **John Norton** is the documentation manager for Oracle Systems in Redwood Shores, CA. • **Richard O'Connor** is an associate professor at Lehig University. • **George Olesen**, living in Andover, is the president of Orbis Company, Inc. in Manchester, NH. • **Ray Peacock** is the senior staff engineer for LTV Steel Corporation in Independence, OH. • **Howie Powers**, after retiring as the senior VP of Merck & Co., spends his winters in Vail, CO and summers in Edgartown on Martha's Vineyard. • **Paul Ronan** is president of PJR Investments in Sausalito, CA. • **Mike Ronayne** is the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Suffolk University. • Condolences of the Class go out to the families of **Marilyn Greaney Brennan** of Manchester, CT who passed away December 6, and **George Moorhouse** who passed away March 23, 1999. • I received a nice note from **Jack Kudzma**. He and his wife Jackie spent the month of March in Naples. Too bad, Jack, we didn't get together; next winter we definitely will. Jack and Jackie are

living in Moulton Borough, NH. • Please let me hear from you. Don't forget your class dues. Please send a check for \$25.00 to Jack "Mucca" McDevitt, 28 Cedar Rd., Medford, MA 02155.

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Thanks for your responses to my letter. So far, I've received 52 responses at mid-May. At the top of the list is the news that **Jim Cotter's** daughter, Grace Cotter Regan '82, has been appointed Executive Director of the Alumni Association. She's already planning improvements. We wish her a happy and productive tenure. **Jim Cotter** writes to advise that he's completed 40 years on the faculty at BC High where he has been athletic director, guidance counselor, head football coach, and teacher. • **Claude Mazzola** is still inventing things in Mamaroneck, NY where he's running an electronics development business. His son Jean-Claude and wife Sharon England (both '92) had a baby girl. • **Leo Van Beaver** has retired to gardening, golf and grandfathering his six grandchildren. • From Monaco comes news that **Peter Murphy** has been appointed president of Festival Cruises, one of the largest European cruise lines, specializing in Mediterranean cruises which gives me an idea about how we might celebrate our 50th in 2009. Peter and Jackie have just returned from a safari with their son and grandson in Kenya and Tanzania. • **Bill Fitzgerald** retired 10 years ago from Dupont after 30 years of service. He has been married to Jean for 40 years and has two children and two grandchildren. Bill is a passionate Red Sox fan and he expects this to be The Year. • **Jim Masson** and wife Pat left the corporate life in Texas last year and have settled in Waitsfield, VT where they purchased a bed and breakfast, The Waitsfield Inn. Lots of Eagles have stayed there. Jim invites you to drop in if you are nearby. • **Charlie Lynch**

has retired from Gillette after 37 years. He and Peggy have had their first grandchild. Charlie is active in the Catholic Charitable Bureau and the Perkins School in South Boston. The first grandchild arrived in February to son Chris. • **Tom Murray** writes from Sandusky, OH, of his 35 years of law practice and of his two favorite avocations: world law and Russia. Tom is co-founder of the US-Russia Information Resource Institute, a Moscow based think tank. If you need advice on expanding your business in Russia, Tom can help. • **Beverly Driscoll Conway** has retired as a first grade teacher in Dover where she is president of the Dover Teachers Union. Beverly spends summers in Newfound Lake with husband Tom also a retired school teacher and with their two daughters (both teachers) and four grandchildren. • **Jack Akin** tells of his recent retirement from his executive search firm and his marriage of 40 years to Mary. They have four children and five (and a half) grandchildren. Jack sees **Roger Sullivan** and **Jack Higgins** in Florida and Myrtle Beach. All were at the Navy game last fall. • **Bob Lynch** died in February in Falmouth. Bob graduated from the Law School, served in the Ranger Special Forces and worked for the IRS for 35 years as an estate and gift attorney. Bob was an avid golfer at Ballymeade. Our deepest sympathies to Nanette and their two sons and daughters. • **Bill Casey** is finishing his 36 year career as a professor of economics at Babson College. His recent book *Beyond the Numbers: Foreign Direct Investment in the U.S.*, J.A.I. Press, 1998, is required reading on your next long flight. Bill has been married to Diana for 38 years and has two children and two grandchildren. Bill has survived a radical prostatectomy in 1995 and has become an expert on the subject. He offers to share his research with any classmate who may need consultation, treatment options, or other support. • Thanks for your notes. Keep writing.

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If you were not there you missed our great 40th reunion with the best turnout ever. Although the weather had its moments, the reunion was spectacular. The Pops, Barbecue, Class Mass (said by **Rev. Leo Shea, SJ** with the assistance of **Rev. Peter Hickey, SJ** as a Memorial Mass for our deceased classmates), and the dinner and dance at Conte Forum topped off a wonderful weekend. Everyone enjoyed meeting school mates, some not seen since we graduated. • The **Bill Hyland Memorial Golf Tournament** is scheduled for Monday, September 11, 2000, in Plymouth. If you are interested please call Gary McGovern at A.G. Edwards in Hingham (800 543 8010). • **Peter Manning** who resides in Concord relates that all of his children have graduated from BC. He is now vice chairman of Fleet Boston Financial Corporation, which is responsible for strategic business development. The Mannings have ten grandchildren. • **Jack Callahan** recently retired from Armstrong Industries in Southern California. He now resides in Portland, OR. • **Charlie Hayes** is living in Arlington and related in his note that he has finally retired. • **Jean Malloy Pagliuca** relates that her five children are married. Jean has had two serious bouts with lymphoma in the past decade and has survived through prayer. She is now on insulin and tethered to an oxygen tank. Sometimes we think we have it bad! • **Barbara Leonard** recently retired from Mass General where she was involved with nursing for thirty years. • **John Thompson** is holding fort at the Mass. Dept. of Transitional Assistance (formerly the Welfare Department); he is in no rush to retire. A wedding is planned in the early fall for his daughter, Sheila. • **Ruth Wright Lee** writes from Plainfield, PA. is a certified case manager for insurance companies. Her husband is director of administration for the Democratic Caucus of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. •

Tony Abraham is still working and having a good time. Recently ran into old classmates and teammates and great to get reacquainted. • **Joe Walker** returned to Grand Rapids, MI in 1998 after giving Fort Lauderdale a try. Joe is involved with management training programs with local corporations. • **Jane Shea Sullivan** and her husband Vin have closed their antique shop in Quincy. They hope to sell antiques on the Internet. They spent two weeks in Scotland and Ireland last fall. • Tell us about your doings — drop me a line. Ten more years to the 50th. Hang in there!

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The 40th year reunion celebration on the Newton campus was wonderful. The event was also well attended. Thirty-five classmates, representing over one-third of the entire Class of '60, were present. **Sister Fran de la Chapelle, RSCJ** led a discussion group on Saturday morning. It was a reflection on the goals of a Sacred Heart education and how it affected our lives. This was organized by the 25th year class and all who attended were very enthusiastic about the discussion. At noon we enjoyed lunch under the tent, adjacent to Barat and Stuart. This was a great start to our getting reacquainted and enabled us to see women from other classes. The plans to continue to raise funds for The Newton College Alumnae Professorship in the study of Western Culture at BC were announced by Brigid O'Sullivan Sheehan '61. The class dinner was held in Barat on Saturday evening. A delicious buffet and lots of animated conversation made it a special event. These are just some of the anecdotes and information related over the weekend: **Debbie Fitzgerald Burke** and her husband, Mike, drove from Michigan, so they came the farthest. We also salute **Betsy DeLone Balas** who flew in from Wilmington, NC as well as **Nan Anderson Coughlin** and **Pat Winkler Browne** who hailed from Washington DC. **Carol Johnson Cardinal** has been working for the past three years at AIC, American International College, in Springfield. She handles the benefits in the HR department and loves the college atmosphere. We are saddened to report that **Marie McCabe**

Stebbins's husband, Dick, died in February. We were especially happy that she joined us and reconnected with old friends. **Betsy DeLone Balas** plans to walk from Lake Lanier to Atlanta for the Breast Research from September 19-21. The group will cover 60 miles in three days and hopes to raise a substantial amount for cancer research. **Nan Anderson Coughlin** related a phenomenal tale. While she was visiting Turkey, she took a boat ride and discovered that of the six people on board, all four of the women were Newton graduates. What are the odds of that, in Turkey? **Connie Lucca Donovan** was invited by The New England Watercolor Society to participate in an exhibit at The Federal Reserve Building in Boston. Connie also has her works of art in a gallery in Marblehead. **Sheila Marshall Gill** is retiring after many years of teaching and has recently bought a condo in Burlington. **Lita Capobianco Mainelli** and I were sharing family information and were amazed to discover that her daughter, Andrea, and my son, Tim, had relocated to Houston, TX and they both work at the same startup company, Azurix! Small world! Almost all 35 of us signed a card for **Amelia Carlson Jocis**, our nurse and classmate at Newton, who wasn't able to come due to health problems. We hope she knew she was with us in spirit. I'd like to extend a vote of thanks to **Gail Hannaford Walsh**, for her efforts in designing the survey covering our Sacred Heart education and other life issues. She used her desktop publishing expertise to compile the results in a brochure, which was distributed on Saturday evening. A sincere thanks also to **Anne Phelan** and her team, who were responsible for making the weekend events go so smoothly. • Now that I am retiring from Babson College, I hope to be able to write more frequently in the BC Bulletin, and would like to gather information via Email. Please send your Email address to Gailw@mediaone.net. I will have a home computer and Email address by the time the December issue is printed. Have a great autumn!

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Bob Perreault sent a clipping from the *Boston Globe* featuring some news on the great work **Jim Logue** has done for several years working with the BC Hockey team. Given the consistently great results of the team in recent years, Jim's efforts are obviously having a positive effect and are well worthy of the praises and congratulations being extended to him. • I got a terrific note from **Bob "Skinny" Graham**. He and Lorraine have been living in Madison, CT for 25 years. Son Rob '87 and wife Judy Vogtle '87 live in Florida where he works for American Power Conversion. Son Mark (Dartmouth '87, MIT '89, Harvard '91) is married to Audrey Smith (BC '91, Dartmouth '92, Medical College of Georgia '99). How's that for a family curriculum vitae! Bob reports that he and Lorraine allow their sons and daughters-in-law to "borrow" the grandchildren. Bob retired from IBM in 1991 and is now helping run a highly successful travel agency that concentrates in sports travel such as the NCAA national tournaments. He has also consulted with the PGA, been a tournament director for Nike in CT, and spent considerable time in several sports oriented efforts on behalf of disadvantaged youths. • I have received some sad news on the deaths of some of our classmates or their families. **Joe Sentance** passed away on February 4, 1999. **Frances Waldren**, mother of **John Waldren** died March 7, 2000. **Paul Drago**, husband of **Nancy Drago**, also died in March of this year. **Judy (Grant) Sullivan** died in January. She and her husband Russell founded the Sullivan Educational Institution in Topsfield in 1982. Your prayers are requested for these and all our deceased classmates. • **Herb Scofield** has recently joined the ranks of the grandfathers. • **Dan Cohen** is retired but doing volunteer work at the Hebrew Rehabilitation Center in Roslindale. He is also taking some political science classes at UMass-Boston. • **Jack Joyce** reports that he is forced to continue working as a director at Alex Brown. He is also very active in the BC Club, which has won a number of awards for quality. There are now 2400 members and a waiting list of 100. Nancy

is very active in the McMullen Museum. Their daughters are living in Virginia and California. Jack says he would welcome any and all help with his development committee as we approach our 40th. • Congratulations to **John J. Lane** on his election to the Alumni Association Board of Directors. Obviously his classmates voted early and often. • Please keep the information coming; there are no notes without your help. God speed to all.

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We didn't have our usual First Friday Luncheon at the Boston College Club on June 2. Instead, **Bob Murray** hosted a 3:00 PM cocktail party for class members at his beautiful new waterfront condominium in Boston. Bob's principal residence is still in Cohasset where he lives with his wife, Judy. Bob uses the Boston place during the week to ease his commute to Groton where he president and CEO of New England Business Services, Inc. Those in attendance were: **Chris Crisafi**, **Paul Deeley**, **Paul Devin**, **Kevin Doyle**, **Mark Dullea**, **Mike Farrington**, **Dick Hart**,

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Lee Heiler, Jack MacKinnon, Joyce McDevitt, Paul McNamara, and Jack Murray. • Congratulations to Monica and **Dick Hart** on the birth of their first grandchild, Richard Nevel Hart, IV. Richard is the son of Heather and Richard Hart, III of Coppell, TX. • Please keep the news coming. Thank you.

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It was a thrill to receive an Email from **Barbara Fortunato Hurley**. Although her husband Jim has retired, Barbara feels she is not ready for retirement and has just begun her 13th year with the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey where she is director of marketing communications. Her daughter works for the Four Seasons Resorts in Scottsdale, AZ and her son works for Merrill Lynch in NJ. Barbara would love to have contact with other Newton women and suggested a get-together with anyone in northern NJ. A great way to stay updated as to where people live is by purchasing the AASH National Directory which has just been published. It also has alumnae Email addresses. For more information contact the AASH National Office at (314) 569-3948 or (888) 622-7421. On the death of Mary Quinlan, RSCJ, Barbara commented: "Sr. Quinlan ignited a spark in my spirit that has stayed with me all the many days since we left Newton." What a gift she was to all of us who were history majors." • **Julie**

McGraw Brown was here recently with her family for her son's graduation from Emerson. After spending ten days on Cape Cod, she and a friend from Australia visited with me for a night. Her Australian friend had gone to the Sacred Heart school in Sydney and she regaled us with stories of her boarding school days. • **Judy Bertsch Ritter** writes that for a 60th birthday present, her husband Bob and **Joanna Bertsch Yaukey's** husband John are treating them to a trip to London. Joanna and John are moving from Illinois and retiring to Arizona and her daughter Susan is getting married. Judy and her husband Bob have not yet retired, but are considering Montana in a couple of years. • **Cathy Power Schibli** was in Boston recently. Cathy's son, Peter, lives in Boston with his wife and daughter; her son Kip, his wife, and two children live in London; her daughter Christina is living in Colorado, where she hopes to get her master's degree at the University of Colorado; her daughter Bonnie is married and living in Munich; and her son Mark, his wife, and three children live in Zurich. When Cathy isn't busy working as an independent English teacher-trainer for General Motors and Swisscom in Zurich, she is traveling to visit her children and her mother in Florida. While in Florida this spring, Cathy had a chance to see **Peggy Brennan Hassett**. Peggy, we extend our deepest sympathy to you on the loss of your husband Bill. As a couple, you brought a lot of life wherever you went, and many of us have fond memories of Bill, especially at our last reunion. • **Anne Morgan O'Connor** is the librarian at Hingham High School. Anne and her husband Jim are enjoying their summer home in Falmouth and their children are scattered except for Carolyn who is living in Boston. Chris is living and working in Milwaukee and Ted is graduating from the University of Pennsylvania. Anne tells me that **Kathy Smith O'Sullivan's** three daughters had a big surprise birthday party for her. Kathy is teaching in the Lexington public schools and is busy preparing for her daughter Kristen's June wedding. • **Katie Fishel McCullough** and her husband Bill have retired to Arizona and Chatham. Katie has connected with a lot of Sacred Heart women from around the country in Arizona including **Ginger Wurzer O'Neal**. • Congratulations to **Beth Graham O'Mara**, who has just received her second master's degree. This degree is in special education. • **Judy Davin Knotts** is leaving her

position at the Potomac School in Maryland to take the job as headmistress of a K-8 school in Austin, TX. Three cheers for you Judy! • **Marsha Whelan** has a new position as the executive director of the Network of Sacred Heart Schools, which consists of 21 schools throughout the United States. She has just returned from Joigny, France, the home of St. Madeleine Sophie Barat, where the heads of schools from throughout the world met for the first time. It was 200 years ago that St. Madeleine Sophie Barat founded the Society of the Sacred Heart. Throughout the country, several bicentennial events have been planned by the Religious, the AASH, and the Network. On October 21, 2000, there will be a National Day of Service. For more information contact your local Network school. Kathleen Hughes, RSCJ '63, the provincial for the society, calls us as graduates to participate in this Year of Prayer culminating on November 21, 2000. To keep abreast of what is going on in the larger Sacred Heart Alumnae community, you can access the AASH web site at www.aashnet.org. The next AASH National Conference will be held in San Francisco from April 25-April 29, 2001. The next AMASC (World Association of the Sacred Heart) will be held in Sydney, Australia April 7-12, 2002. Please Email me your news!

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Kay Moroney Hering called the Alumni Office to report the death of her friend and classmate **Gay Smith Bender**, who passed away on April 13 of lung cancer in Omaha, NE. Kay visited with Gay shortly before her death. "Gay was a very natural person, who died a natural courageous death." Sincere sympathy is extended to Gay's husband, Robert, and her four children.

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Dan Bergeron has had an exciting and varied life since 1964. Choosing a US Army career provided him with tours of duty not only in Vietnam ('68-'69) and Korea ('78-'79) but also in Japan ('67-'68) and Hawaii ('74-'78). He and his wife Pat consider their last assignment at the British Ministry at Defense ('86-'89), as one of the best. Dan acquired his master's from Central Michigan University in 1978 and obtained his CAGS from Westfield State in 1998. Dan retired as a lieutenant colonel in September 1989, going to work on a two-year assignment for the American Radio League coordinating activities with the ITU in Geneva, Switzerland. Dan, an amateur radio operator, became an assistant principal at Granby High School for five-and-a-half-years before taking a position as the assistant to the mayor of Chicopee, a job he thoroughly enjoyed. Dan became and remains an assistant principal at Belchertown High School. Dan and Pat have two children: a 25 year-old daughter Lisa who works at Chicopee City Hall and 29 year-old son Timothy, an army captain on active duty with the medical service corps in San Antonio, TX. Tim and his wife expect to present the Bergerons with their first grandchild in August. • If you're flying from Boston to San Jose on American Airlines and have Michelle Brawley as your flight attendant, be especially kind as she is the daughter of **Mike Brawley**. Mike retired from the US Army in 1992 as a full colonel after serving as the 6th US Army Judge Advocate General at the Presidio of San Francisco when the base closed. Having enjoyed a prior tour of duty in Kentucky, he and his wife Cheryl, a former TWA flight attendant, relocated to Ft. Knox, KY where Mike is the civilian attorney chief of claims. Daughter Michelle graduated from UC-Davis in 1992. Son Matthew graduated from the University of Houston in 1995 and works for Houston local TV station Channel 8 directing and filming programs. • **Richard J. Dowling** continues to operate the State Farm Insurance Agency in Bedford, OH. After serving in the US Army in Korea, Dick was assigned to a Nike Missile base in the Cleveland area where he became part of the speak-

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ers bureau, a group who spoke to the public about the US Army missile program. After completion of active duty, he worked for Ford Motor Co. for a short time and has run the insurance agency for over 32 years. Of his and wife Ruth's five children, the four daughters are married and their son enjoys remaining single while he works as an architect. So far, the daughters have given the Dowlings eight grandchildren ranging in age from a couple of months to "almost" age eight. • **George Atkins** was married on April 8, and was joined by his four children. Son Greg, a UMass grad, is chief of staff for NY State Assemblywoman Joan Millman. Greg is serving as president of the New York Young Democrats and planning a run for New York City Council. Daughter Julia, is a physician in Denver specializing in Family Practice after graduating from St. Lawrence and Albany Medical College. Son Jonathan works for Lotus in marketing after graduating from Babson and daughter Heather is a senior at Salem High. George continues with his active law practice in Salem. • **Rev. Robert Ferrick, SJ** died in April. Many in the School of Education will remember this kind and loving theology teacher, confessor, and SOE chaplain. Father Ferrick was also the chaplain of the Gold Key Society. • News from the School of Education's Annual Women's Luncheon will be in the next issue of *Alumnotes*.

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Marc and I returned from five and a half weeks in China. Friends of ours were doing this trip and we decided last fall to latch on to their already-created itinerary. We mixed some independent travel with an organized tour of the "Lower Silk Road" and had a perfectly wonderful time. Highlights were a cruise down the Yangtze through the Three Great Gorges, climbing the Great Wall, and riding my camel (notice the proprietary tone), a blonde I named Marilyn without checking on its sexual persuasion. Before I left, I received two notes from **Susan Madden** with information she would like to share with the class. Sue writes: "I have been struggling with bipolar illness for 35 years. Right now I am

doing extremely well. I have been trained to lecture at universities. I've accumulated an enormous amount of information about this illness and depression and would welcome the opportunity to share it with anyone who would be interested. My phone number is (617) 323-7037. My address is 777 VFW Parkway, W. Roxbury, MA 02132." Sue also said that she is associated with McLean Hospital in Belmont, the leading US hospital for brain and psychiatric research. The hospital would greatly appreciate any donations for research. Checks made out to the Shervert Frazier Research Institute can be sent directly to Sue at the above address. I'm really happy to hear that Sue is doing so well and commend her for reaching out to help others. This column is a perfect forum for that kind of connection and I hope that others will take advantage of its possibilities. • I know you all join me in sending condolences to **Kathy Wilson Conroy** on the death of her father this past March. Malcolm Wilson was, of course, a former governor of New York and, before that, lieutenant governor, for many years under Nelson Rockefeller. He died at Kathy's home in New Rochelle, where he had been living since suffering complications from surgery for an aortic aneurism in 1991. I thought that some of you might welcome information on the two scholarship funds that are available for contributions in memory of both Governor Wilson and his wife. They are, The Malcolm Wilson Scholarship Fund, Fordham Preparatory School, East Fordham Rd., Bronx, N.Y. 10458; and The Katharine McCloskey Wilson Scholarship Fund, Notre Dame School of Manhattan, 104 St. Mark's Place, New York, NY 10009. • Well, that's it for this time around. If you don't want to hear about my China trip ad nauseum (I was very conservative this time, but be warned, I get wordy!), or my daughters again, then drop me a line. If you're a little shy, send me news about someone else, preferably someone you actually know (I've already read three articles on Annette Benning).

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Our 35th year reunion was a great

time to get caught up on what classmates were doing. The dinner at Gasson was an enjoyable evening with a good band, great food, and ample time to chat with friends. We should expect plenty of news in future editions because so many classmates promised to write. • **Kathy McVarish Sullivan's** family is doing well. Son, Michael is working in Los Angeles, Tricia is married to Tom Cotter and living in Sandwich, Ryan is working for Insight Product Development and Sean is involved with a new company dealing with the Internet. Kathy is teaching sixth grade and is working toward a degree in mental health counseling. • Another classmate at the reunion was **Mary Kingsbury Doller**. Mary's daughter Katie and husband Mike have a home in Franklin. Son Jon and wife Moira live in Connecticut where Jon works for JDA Software as a computer software consultant. Son Chris continues to work at the Steinert Aquarium in San Francisco while son Matthew spent a term working a co-op job programming computers at Thomson Financial and is now back at school. Mary's youngest, Liz, will be a freshman in high school. • **Mary Jane and Marcel Poyant's** son Christian will be a freshman at Boston College in the fall.

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The 35th Reunion has come and gone, notable especially for some very poignant reminiscing as seventeen of us, gathered around the dinner tables of the class party Saturday night, reviewed our lives since June of 1965 and the meaning of those years at Newton for us today. In attendance were Joan Wienk Gallagher (Ohio), Elaine Solari Atwood (Florida) and Patty-Jane (P.J.) Mikita Cashman (New Jersey), for whom this was their "first" reunion; Karen Kinnealey, Priscilla Durkin, Donna Cianelli, Sue Bearden McNamara (whose youngest son had just graduated from B.C.), Susan Wilson Wasilauskas, Nancy Philpott Cook, all still residing in the Boston area; Jane Mullowney Tyler and Susan Casey Engel in from Connecticut; Sheila Sullivan (New York), Linda Mason Crimmins (Pennsylvania), Dottie O'Connell Cherry Morton (Kentucky and New

York), Marcy Egan Dalton (Georgia), Peggy Conley Villela (Florida), Libby Miller Fitzgerald (Virginia). In this election year, Libby's recounting her memories of her trials by fire in the 1964 campaign was both sobering and entertaining. We shared pride in children and careers, gratitude for good marriages (as well as expressions of regret for the not-so-good ones), plans for retirement and general delight in the present moment. We were happy we came and missed those who could not make it. As my "contract" as class correspondent has come to an end in this reunion year, **Linda Mason Crimmins** has agreed to take on the responsibilities of keeping us in touch via the quarterly reports in these pages and plans to expand our e-mail contact via the internet. I thank you for letting me have a small window on your world in these last five years. See you on the web!

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After a successful career in technology as a CIO, of which 27 years were with Johnson & Johnson, **Paul K. Ross** (CSOM) and his wife Gloria have retired to Champion Hills in North Carolina. • **Joseph P. Tavilla** (CSOM) of Whitinsville is working in contract food service for the Fine Host Corporation. The job entails a road show with his territory covering all of New England, New York, and New Jersey. Joe is married to Melissa Fuller from Osterville and has a 1 year old grandson. • **Henry Lyons III** (CSOM) and his wife, Janet, are fresh back from a May holiday in Italy with a stay in Rome followed by a week in a 16th century farmhouse in Tuscany. They love to spend time with the grandchildren, but you may see them on Nantucket this summer, and at a couple of football games in the fall. • Under "believe it or not" we have John L'Heureux (ED) teaching religion (that's right, 'religion') at St. Thomas More School in his hometown of Oakdale, CT. He says "After 33 years, I am using my BS (literally!)." John loves what he is doing. • **Arnold Garber** (CSOM) served as a Lieutenant in the US Army thanks to ROTC and won the Bronze Star during his one year tour in Vietnam. After the Army, he worked for two

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advertising agencies, BBDO and HHCC. At HHCC he worked for Jack Connors '63, outstanding BC alumnus. In 1968, Arnie left Melrose for Manalapan, NJ to work for Dunkin' Donuts as Zone Marketing Manager. Living in Englishtown, NJ, he is Mid-Atlantic Marketing Director for Allied Domecq Quick Service Restaurants which includes Baskin-Robbins and Togo's as well as Dunkin'. Arnie has a \$300 million advertising budget in TV markets from New York to Washington, DC. Arnie has run in to numerous alumni in his 22 years with Dunkin'. Happily married since 1967, he has two daughters (both Rutgers grads) and two grandchildren, one and five years old. • **Joan Cicchetti Redden (ED)** is in her 13th year as President & CEO of the Milford Area Chamber of Commerce which serves eight other surrounding towns. Joan has had careers as a speech pathologist and as a real estate broker, but has found her niche with the Chamber. She has been married for 27 years to Dr. Robert Redden, a professor of audiology at Northeastern University, and they have 24 year old Roberta finishing up a master's degree in criminal justice at NU and 22 year old John pursuing music in his fourth year at NU. The family has a summer home in North Falmouth. • **Robert A. Hayes (ED)** has recently been inducted into the Massachusetts High School Hockey Coaches Hall of Fame. Bob has taught at Dartmouth High School for the past 33 years and has been the social studies department chair for 29 years. In addition to his 27 years of coaching ice hockey, he has dabbled in coaching girls volleyball and softball. He and his wife Patricia (Riley) enjoy the seaside hometown

of Westport. Bob and Pat, a health specialist, are happily awaiting the birth of twins to oldest son Rob and his wife. Sean, in the middle, has moved to Ireland where he will marry an Irish girl from Mallow next summer. Daughter Erin, who works in child care, ought to come in handy when the grandchildren arrive. • Career wanderings having led him through 4 iterations of consulting and 5 different companies in the last 5 years, **William J. Fallon (A&S)** is enthusiastic in his new position as an AVP at the project office for Manulife Financial in Boston - an aggressively growing company in the financial sector. Son Jonathan '94 is a second year medical student at Kirksville College of Osteopathic Medicine, planning to marry in October. Daughters Elizabeth (UNH '96) and Meghan (Colby '98) are out of the nest and pursuing careers of their own. Bill's other half, Jill, is enjoying a rewarding career as the School Nurse Leader at Haynes Elementary School in Sudbury. There is time for summering in West Dennis, where mom can keep an eye on second son Geoffrey ('02 CSOM), who has a summer job valet parking on Cape Cod. • Times have changed. I spent my summers in factories in Somerville and Watertown. No tips there!! Hey, keep those cards and letter rolling in. (Or, maybe, e-mails and calls.)

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Many thanks to those who sent messages after the winter column ap-

peared here in *AlumnNotes*. So far all have joined our Class Contact Group for emergency notes and requests. Among the recent contacts came updates from beyond our 50 states. **Maria Lina (Marilyn) Santos Velayo** still calls Manila, Philippines home. She and Ronnie continue to expand their family jewelry business and their French dry-cleaning franchise. She also supervises her family's real estate concerns. She doesn't stay at home much, although she says she is trying harder this year. Her travels take her throughout the world for business, as well as to visit their children in San Francisco, Florence (Italy), and New York City. Her daughter Albie just moved into her own townhouse — with Marilyn's help — after completing her MBA at Stanford and securing a job she likes at The Gap, Inc. headquarters. Daughter Adele finished her fashion studies in NYC and Florence and now represents Philippine products in Italy while adjusting to life as a Florentine housewife. Son CP is expanding his social and business contacts in the "Big Apple" before moving on to other international diamond trading centers as he learns the many facets of the jewelry industry in preparation for his return home to work in the family business. • **Josie Higgins Rideg** stays closer to home in Sao Paulo, Brazil. She coordinates the International Baccalaureate program at a Catholic American school, and uses her SWC background to teach upper school English, religion and a class called "Theory of Knowledge." Peter, her husband, passed away from a massive heart attack in May 1998, but her American college educated children have all returned to work in Sao Paulo. Daughter Natalie, with a degree in fashion design, is a freelance journalist for a textile magazine and is getting married in August; son Tom earned an international business degree and works as a consultant; and daughter Katherine has a degree in special education and is teaching. Josie is thrilled to have her family together once again. Both these classmates fondly remember their days at Newton, and value the foundations we received to help us live productive lives now. They would love to hear from more of you. Let me know if you want to contact Marilyn or Josie directly; Email addresses are available. There will be news in the next column from a couple of others I heard from, but I don't have the space to write about them at this time. The grapevine says that more of you than Josie are planning family weddings this year!

I know there are others out there who use the Internet for communications, at least once in a while. Is anyone in contact with any of our other international classmates? No matter how, I hope to hear from more of you as time goes on. Please get in touch to show your support for and interest in your NC '67 classmates.

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Greetings, Friends! We've had several happy classmates and their families celebrating Commencement 2000 at the Heights. Hearty congratulations to **Mary Goode Crawford** of Lexington, who received her MS in nursing, with a specialty in family nurse practice. She describes her experience of being back in Cushing Hall after more than thirty years as being "great fun"! She reports that the BC program was challenging and wonderful. Mary and her husband, Malcolm Crawford, RPI '68, have two daughters, Katherine '98, who is working for CMP Publishing in Waltham, and Anne, majoring in mechanical engineering at Georgia Tech. • Our classmate and University Trustee **Judy Belliveau Krauss** granted the degree of bachelor of science to her daughter, Sarah Krauss, at the School of Nursing ceremony. • **David T. Griffith** and his wife Janet attended their son's graduation from BC's Carroll School of Management. David K. Griffith hopes to eventually join his Dad in the investment and financial planning business. Dave and Janet also have a daughter Kathryn, who is a member of the BC Class of 2002. • Jim and I flew in from Paris to celebrate our son Andrew's '98 second graduation from BC, as he received his master of education degree from the Lynch Graduate School of Education. He will be an Inclusion Facilitator for the Newton Public Schools. • Megan Gerson, daughter of Ellie (Doherty) Gerson '70 and **Bill Gerson** is also a member of the graduating class of BC 2000. Megan was named by *USAToday* to its 2000 "All-USA College Academic Honorable Mention Team." A native of Holliston majoring in communication in the

Arts and Sciences, Megan's interests encompass AIDS-related issues and media coverage of South Africa. Her brother, Brian, is entering his junior year at BC, and her sister Marybeth graduated from BC in 1997. To all the proud BC '68 alumni families, and their Class of 2000 graduates, we salute you! • We also offer our prayers to the family of **Robert Alexander** of Franklin, who died in March. He leaves his wife MaryAnn (Rourke) Alexander, and his daughter Mary Beth. • "The New Economy" conference, exploring the impact of technology, was held at Boston College in March, hosted by our fellow classmate **US Representative Edward Markey**. There were 1800 business leaders attending, including Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, US Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers, and Arthur Levitt, Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission. After the audience rose to sing "Happy Birthday Mister Chairman," Ed Markey presented a 74th birthday cake to Mr. Greenspan.

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Plans are in the works for a 2000 reunion in New York City this fall. What are you doing the weekend of September 22-24? Come to the Big Apple and take in a play, tour a museum, visit Ellis Island, meander through Soho, hit the 5th Avenue shops, see old friends. We are in the organizing stage and would love to hear from you. Many classmates have responded with enthusiasm and we are looking forward to getting together. Email me at fivemill@aol.com, or **Jane Sullivan Burke** at jdpburke@aol.com. We'll keep you posted. • Congratulations to **Ellen Mooney Mello** who recently received the "Gold Man" Award, the highest award for volunteer service to the Rye, New York, YMCA. Ellen currently practices law in Rye as well. • What's your news?

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Before I begin this missive I want to thank my Alumni liaison, Kathleen Gualco for her patience and understanding as I am ALWAYS late for my deadlines. In addition, I want to wish her all the best on her recent marriage. I tried to find her during the recent reunion weekend but our paths never crossed. • Most of you will not believe it, but as I write this column the song "Walk Away Renee" by Left Banke is playing. For those of you who don't remember, it was the fall of 1966. We were just beginning our stay at the Heights and life was "cool". Viet Nam was not very well known and protests were something we did when we thought we had too much homework. I must admit that I went to the reunion prepared to write all kinds of stuff about all of us but somehow along the way I changed my mind and so here goes. As I participated in some, but not all, of the activities over the course of the weekend (I'm still smart enough NOT to play golf in the rain.) it began to occur to me that it was something more than just a great big party. (Just like the sixties.) I began to notice a variety of things about us and it caused me to reflect. To borrow a phrase from Charles Dickens "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness...it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair....." Some of us are married. Some are not. Some of us have jobs. Some do not. Some are even retired. Some of us are the perfect picture of health.

Some are not. (One of our classmates shared with me the fact that she has survived breast cancer twice.) Some of us have led great lives. Some of us have passed on much too soon. Some have maintained our youthful figures, (yours truly included) and some have not. Some of us talked not only of our children, but their children as well. Some of us have very young children. I won't mention any names but his initials are **Bob Bouley**. Several members of our class were taking a long weekend at the Heights because they were staying to attend graduation ceremonies for their children. It was great to see everyone and it didn't matter whom you were, what you do or have done. The one thing that we all had in common was our time together at Chestnut Hill. It was for some the crowning point in their life, and for others the first step in a wonderful journey. As we enter the second half of our lives it occurs to me that it only is about two things: family and friends. Many of us stayed in one of the new dorms and it was a lot of fun to be together and not have to worry about parking cars, etc. There was an official "after the Pops" party in McElroy Commons but a few of us had an impromptu gathering back at the dorms. The numbers got larger around midnight because **Janet Cavalen Cornella** invited everyone she met back to **Greg Miller's** suite back at the dorm. **Todd Brogowski** and **Kelly** were the first to show, followed by **Lou Milkowski**, **Janet Cavalen Cornella**, **Sandy Joyce**, and several others. Already in attendance were **M/M Don Therrien**, **M/M Mike Patten**, and **M/M Paul Mahoney**. The night began to slip away and once Greg started yawning it seemed the end was over. Someone told a joke and that was it. I was non-stop for at least another hour. Some of the best punch lines were **Pepper** and **Cobblestones!** I guess you had to be there. I think everyone who was there was a little disappointed by how many of you were not there. The reunions are always a lot of fun and I really encourage all of you to attend. You will be glad you did. Congratulations to **Janet Cavalen Cornella** on being elected to the Alumni Board of Directors. I did vote early and often. I personally think it is just an excuse to get free airline tickets to Boston so she can visit her family. (Hi Rosalie!!). • I will save the results of the 10th annual Bomber Open FLOG Tournament for my next column. • **Mondell Davis** and his family are living in Middletown, CT. We have tried to

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get together, but our schedules just have not jived. • **Joe McDonald** and **Steve Kives** are both agents with the FBI, assigned to the New Haven Office. **Jim Darcy** has already retired from the Bureau and has a new career in the casino business in New Jersey. (Out of the frying pan and into the fire?). • That's all the news from the Class of '70, where our waists are still thin and our hair is still thick. Thanks. God bless, and buckle up!

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I could go on and on about our 30th Year Reunion, which was attended by 25% of our class! It was wonderful to see all who were able to come to this remarkable weekend and to witness the renewal of our relationships. It was a celebration of not only who we were then, but also of the women we have become! **Fran de la Chapelle**, **RCSJ** created a special gathering on Saturday morning, which was filled with humor, honesty, and groundedness. She posed three questions to guide our small group discussions. She asked us to share our lives since our graduation from Newton, to discuss what has sustained us, and to say that for which we are most grateful. Our small group shared their life journeys with strength, hope, courage, and a good dose of joy. I am so grateful. Our thanks to **Fran** for making our reunion a priority and for bringing such depth to our reconnection! Sis-

ter White also contributed to this wonderful day by leading a book club discussion after our garden lunch on Saturday. Those participating had read *Galileo's Daughter* and the resulting discussion was stimulating, intelligent, and fun. One classmate enthusiastically noted, "I have not participated in such a good book discussion since Newton." This remark was from an English teacher with graduate degrees! Thank you Sister White! Our class party was great and the Mass on Sunday at Trinity Chapel was wonderful. Four of John and Patti Bruni Keefe's eleven children sang and provided beautiful music to enhance this liturgy. Our thanks to them for their participation and sharing the gift of their voices. • **Kate Whitty Logar** was at the reunion with her husband Jim. When I asked her for news, Kate, with her inimitable dry sense of humor replied, "same house, same spouse." Kate and Jim's son Nat graduated from Brown and daughter Elizabeth is attending Fairfield. Kate is director of a preschool program and is consulting in the area of child care environmental design. Jim is an attorney in Quincy. • **Helena Tilton, RN, MS** came to the reunion from Florida where she has lived for the last twenty-five years. After graduation Helena received her master's from Manhattanville and has traveled all over the world. Helena's next trip will be to the Far East and Australia. She has been widowed twice and is a two-year survivor of breast cancer. It was wonderful to hear your story Helena! • **Christine Hynes Coughlan** is living in East Brookfield and is a disaster mental health counselor for the American Red Cross as well as a junior high school guidance counselor and a therapist for sexually abused and traumatized victims. Chris's involvement in many healing communities is remarkable. She worked at the Worcester warehouse fire. She is studying therapeutic touch and healing touch and is involved in Action for Clean Water/Action for the Clean Up of Hazardous Waste. Chris also heads a small faith community prayer group and is a Massachusetts Women Church member as well as a representative of Dignity USA. She finds time to travel to visit various family and friends around the United States. • **Pam Moore** was unable to attend the reunion due to illness. Pam, we prayed for you at the reunion and our prayers continue to be with you! • **Fran Dubrowski** wrote following the reunion and volunteered to be the class correspondent beginning January 2001. I am

very grateful to Fran and feel that her assumption of this position will be of great benefit to our class news. Thank you Fran for your generous commitment! Thanks to all who made our Reunion so memorable!

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Robert Foley and Andrea Santosuosso Foley report that their son Robert Foley III, is a junior in the Carroll School of Management. Bob is a three year veteran of the men's swim team and worked last summer in London for his Dad's firm, Renaissance Worldwide. Daughter Caitlan is a junior at Notre Dame Academy in Hingham and has hopes of following in the footsteps of her older brother. Bob Sr., attended the Beanpot with **Mark Holland** and **Chris Gorgone**. He also reports that several classmates have expressed an interest in having a semi annual cocktail Reception at BC and by the time you read this the first is hopefully history. Contact Bob at rfoley@rens.com. • Our condolences are extended to the family of **Peter J. Baltren**, School of Education '71, MED '74. Peter died on 2/7/00. He was the Chairman of the Social Studies Department of Ware High School. Peter and his wife resided in Belchertown, MA. **Carol Carnegie Lewenberg** and her husband, Judge Roger Lewenberg, report that daughter Ann will be attending Goddard College this fall. The skiing Lewenbergs include daughter Samantha and son Peter. It has been my pleasure to share Wildcat Mountain with the Lewenberg family. Our ski adventures this winter have also included great days at Loon with **Brian Shaughnessy** and **Bob Griffin**. Share with us information on yourself and your family. Any new Eagles?

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On May 30, 2000, we celebrated the 29th anniversary of our graduation. This can only mean that next year is our 30th and a big reunion year. So get ready! Start making plans to meet in Boston. I hope we can stay in the dorms, again. We had so much fun staying up late talking, just like the good old days at Newton. • My new computer (my first replacement was a bust) is now working fine. Please send Email addresses so I can add them to our growing list. I will not publish them unless you want me to. • **Pat Chiota** sent a quick hello from Singapore. She is doing well. • **Sharon Zailckas Lena** and husband Nick were in town on business so we had a chance to catch up by the hotel pool. Both are looking better than ever. Their older son, Richard, is now 24 and graduated from West Point in 1998. He is stationed in Colorado where he serves as a first lieutenant. Their younger son, Christopher, who is 22, graduated from West Point on May 27. How marvelous! Not only did Christopher graduate at the top of his class, he is headed to medical school on a scholarship. The whole family was looking forward to Richard's wedding in June. And that includes both of Sharon's parents who are "alive and well in Connecticut." Her dad is still practicing law at 81 and her mom, a young 75, still gives him a run for his money on the golf course. I spent my first Thanksgiving away from home with them. To be adopted by such a wonderful family! They even tried to teach me how to ski and ice skate. Needless to say, without much success. Well, until next time, stay well. Regards, Gigi.

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Before I get to what little news I have about class members, some generic BC news: We had nice turnouts for both Frozen Four telecasts at our new headquarters for LA area BC sports fans — **Joxer Daly's** in Cul-

ver City. We're looking forward to football season there. • Another caveat about my class news: Not only is it brief, but I'm starting out on a sad note. **Mike McLaughlin**, a partner with KPMG (formerly Peat Marwick) in New York, passed away in April. My condolences to his widow and children. • I had an Email message from **Eileen Kober Derian**, a teacher in Taunton, who reports that she and her husband are not only BC football season ticket holders, but that they went to the Insight.com Bowl on New Year's Eve. The site of the game, Tuscon, is where their daughter attends the University of Arizona. They also have a son who's a Penn State grad. • I had another Email from **Professor Jim O'Toole**, who reports that he's been a faculty member in the BC history department for several years, and that previously he taught at UMass Boston. • Also, I heard from **Bill Giacomo**, an attorney and part-time judge in Westchester County, NY, who's running for state Supreme Court justice in November. Residents of several counties just north of New York City will find his name on the ballot. • I visited **Dr. Pat McGovern** and his wife Patti in Bayonne, NJ and found them with a partially-empty nest, as eldest son P.J., a sophomore at Georgetown, was studying in Germany and middle son Chris, a high school senior, was at Georgia Tech for the summer. Please let me hear from you.

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Congratulations to Susan Powers Gallagher '69 our new Newton Director. • Once again, we had a tremendous response to our annual Spring Tea in the Washington, D.C. area. The attendees had a grand time. **Lisa Kirby Greissing** and I represented our class. • If you are in the Albany, New York area take a moment to view the renovated chapel which was dedicated on May 20. • As you read this column, **Mary Sullivan Tracy** and several of our classmates will have celebrated our 50th birthdays by participating in a triathlon in Wrentham in July. • **Connie McConville Peirce** and Bob report that their daughter, Marianne BC '01, is finishing her junior year abroad in France and "inajored" in Switzerland. Connie visited

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Marianne last fall. Recently, Bob went over to bring Marianne back to the States. Before coming back both visited Belgium. For the summer, Marianne is now interning at Hill and Knowlton in New York City. Caitlin just finished her freshman year at Middlebury. • Take care. Please note that you can send me e-mail at the Alumni Office.

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Condolences to Lynn Terry Tacher for the loss of her mother. • Joan Brouillard Carroll and Peggy Warnken attended a Hasty Pudding Club show at Harvard recently after a Newton reception at Upstairs at the Pudding. Joanie also reports that Joan Garrity Flynn is well but very busy with work at the law firm and her family. • That is all the news I have received. Please drop me a line at my Email address: ndesisto@mainegeneral.org or send me a note at 18 Sheldon St., Farmingdale, ME 04344. Have a great summer vacation. Let me know what you did. How are your children? What's new? What's old? What is changing?

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Help! Some classmates are always great about writing or calling, but I really need more news! Please take a minute to e-mail or write and let me know "what's new" with you! • A special "thanks" to Linda Chatalian Wyatt who sent me some terrific pictures of our 25th year reunion (was that really over a year ago?). I will assemble any photos, clippings, "whatever" in a scrapbook so we will have our own "class archives" for future get togethers and yearbooks. If you have any doubles, please send them along. • I got a nice note from Mike White. In February he was named CFO for Frito-Lay Europe, Middle East, and Africa. He and Sue have relocated to London and would love to hear from any traveling BC friends. Congratulations! • After serving on our class reunion committee last year, Bill McCarthy got to play a supporting role to his wife Kathy (Cantwell '75) as she co-chaired this year silver anniversary. With their two children attending BC, it was a real family weekend! • Thanks to all who attended the Laetare Sunday liturgy and breakfast, and to all who cast their votes for this year's Alumni Board of Directors. It was quite an honor to have three members of our class on the ballot. • On a very sad note, Mike Cassidy passed away in April, after a long and very courageous time with cancer. Mike was a wonderful friend to many in our class, especially close to those in the CSOM honors program, and our condolences go to them and to Mike's wife and children. He will be missed by many. • Take care, and please write.

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This column closes our 25th reunion news notes. Mary Kernan Salsich collected the following reunion notes at the luncheon: Donna Paolino Urciuoli lives in Providence, RI with her husband of two years and her two children, Mari, a junior at BC and Kara, age 17, a junior in high school. Donna works in the family real estate business with her father

and brother. Martha O'Donnell Rogers also lives in Providence. Martha, a full-time stockbroker and husband Chip have five children: four boys and one girl. Sally Everett, living in St. Petersburg, FL, has been an electric utility lobbyist to the state legislature for the past eight years. Sally loves the beach and year round summer. Writer Carol Colnon McIntosh lives in Charlottesville, VA with her husband and three teenage sons. She tries to keep up and sane by running, biking and swimming but wishes she had more time to garden. Carol writes she "knows there's a place in heaven for her and it's not on the sidelines." Barbara Anne Cagney wrote that she is teaching 2nd grade and Sister de la Chapelle is her boss and that life is good! Mary Ellen Keegan Keyser has been married to Nelson for 22 years and lives and works in Bala Cynrvid, PA. Son Nelson is at Annapolis, Matt, age 16, attends St. Andrew's School in DC, while Elizabeth, age 12, attends the Academy of Notre Dame. Many thanks to Mary Kernan Salsich for forwarding those reunion notes. • Finally, Mary Faith Schilling Saavedra realized that she forgot to write in the reunion notebook because she was "distracted talking to everyone." Mary Faith writes that Duchesne East 3rd floor had a super mini-reunion at Julie and Tony Nuzzo's. Mary Faith, a guidance coordinator at Dwyer High School, recently started on her PhD degree. Mary Faith, son Danny '03, and Marc, age 15, live in North Palm Beach, FL. • Congratulations to Janet Oberto for her appointment as director of marketing for the USTA/New England sectional staff. Before joining the USTA, Janet spent more than ten years with international marketing and previously operated a communications consulting firm. • That's all the news that I have received, if you want more, please write me!

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Thank you to Nampeera Kayondo, Vanessa Portillo, and the entire staff at the Alumni House for providing the groundwork for a superb weekend! All of us came in pursuit of a grand time and would agree the three days exceeded all expectations! On Friday, May 19, Symphony Hall was

packed with BC pride. Conductor Keith Lockhart lead the Boston Pops in a stellar performance which included, of course, "Hail Alma Mater" and "For Boston, For Boston." Spotted in the audience were classmates: Trisha Jordan Graeber and husband Jeff Graeber, Karen McGuire, Mary Peters Cammarata, Jayne Saperstein Mehne, Kathy Bannon Magee, Co-Chair Kathleen Cantwell McCarthy, Stephen and Jayne Hammond, Patricia Casey, Bobby Norberg, Trisha Nolan Hoover, Ray Julian, David LeShane, Richard Bennett, Anne Camille Maher, Mike McDermott, Marie Webber, Doreen Flynn and husband Jim Trahon. There was no shortage of parties on campus. Vanderslice Hall rocked throughout the weekend, thanks in part to the alums of 1980! Partying in room 603 (mod 25A) were Sharon McCann Daly, Kathy Shea Edelinan, Sheila Briggs Ryder aka "Golden Girl," Lisa White and Brian Smith! Down the hall, celebrations continued in room 617 with Roseanne Rubino Dellaventura, Maria O'Neill Schnaper and Maureen Boller Delaney. The high spot of the weekend occurred Saturday night in the function room of the New Dining Hall. The food pleased our palates as the music provided by the Radicals titillated our feet into dancing the night away! Classmates came from near and afar: Thomas Kelley (Netherlands), Matthew Fissinger (Los Angeles), Reverend Robert Shaldone (Texas), Jayne Mazur (Colorado), Ardie Klement, Kenneth Yantek (Ohio), John Smith (Illinois), Jeanne Harkins Prisco, Larry Kennedy (PA), J. Timothy Corrigan (Alabama), Stacy Clark, Claire Chapin, Joan Kennedy Bardsley, Rohan Samaraweera (Virginia). Dr. Christopher Sullivan and Rob Tracy arrived from Minnesota. Dr. Sullivan is a physician specializing in infectious diseases in the St. Paul area. The New Jersey area was well represented with alums: William Clare, Robert Contillo, Elizabeth Fay McMahon, Joseph Frank, Gerard Frech, Charles Hopkins, Paul Kelliher, Anne Letterese, Lawrence Lundy, James McKee, Matthew Murphy, and Lysette Symanek Scheeler. The New England contingency came in full force and included Cynthia S. Casemyr, Nancy Casey, William Charland, Harold Chin, Mary Beth Cicero, Laurie Cochran, Catherine Concannon, William Conley, Jr., Michael Del Sole, Mary Rose Delaney, Dorothy DiPesa, Robert Feeney, Co-Chair Walter Fey, Paul Feinstein, Deborah Fitzgerald, Joan Brandt, Deborah

Peters Goessling, Brian Phelan, Maureen Pirog, Alan Ponanski, Vincent Quealy, Jr., Susan Rapoport, Kathy, Shea Edelman, Margaret Sheehan, Mary Sloan, Margaret Stone, Tony Sukiennik, Andrea Tremaglio Coyle, Kathleen Voight Walsh, John Fitzmaurice, Patricia Flood Best, Ann Fontecchio, Steven Gabovitch, John Gauthier, Joan Geddes, Blake Godbout, William Grieco, Ellen Gunning, Lawrence Heffernan, Edwin Howard, David Johnson, Kevin Kane, Teresa Karamourtopoulos, Roberta Kaufman, James Kimball, Kenneth Kimmerle, Catherine Kuchinski, Joan Luise Hill, Terese Lynch Donovan, Carole Magazu Mega, Eileen McBournie Phinney, Kathleen T. McCarthy, MaryPat McCue Kilcullen, John McHugh, Kent McLean, Mark Melikian, James Moran, Jr., Susan Murphy, Urs Nager, William Norgerg, Douglas Nucatola, Nancy O'Connor McCleary, Joseph O'Hayer, Paul M. O'Neil, Dennis Orr, Sheila Roche, Ouellette, Mary Ann Russo, John Santosuosso, Michael Saucier, Patrick Scannell, Jr., Elaine Laferriere, Bernadette M. Leber, MD, Anne Regolino, Marianne Riggio, Steven Hannigan, Frank Mastrocola, and Kathleen O'Brien. Gleason Gallagher and Edward Fitzgerald were two of the most popular marshals, drawing loud applause from the student body as they processed onto Shea Field during Commencement exercises. Their children were graduates of the Class of 2000. Congratulations! To **Joanne Przewoznik Woods**—your chemistry classmates, **Bob Feeney** and **Alfred Garozzo**, send you their regards. • **Regina Smith Rutter** sends her regards to SOM classmates. She is living in Needham with her husband David, who runs the Boston office of ROMAC Int'l (KForce.com). They are blessed with two great children: Matthew (15) and Katherine (11). Last year she made a career change and moved out of the high-tech industry (after 20 years) and into teaching. For the past five years she has been part-time faculty at Emmanuel College in Boston and Mount Ida College in Newton. She would love to hear from you. Email: rmsr163@aol.com. • **Joanne Lombardi** is food service director/chef at the Meadowbrook School in Weston. She initially taught special needs and remedial reading in Malden. As a result of Prop 2 1/2 Joanne lost her teaching position and pursued a career in food and culinary arts, thus combining a

love of children and food at Meadowbrook by focusing on "Healthy Eating." • **Heidi Brine Schneider**, has been promoted to executive vice president of Neuberger Berman and director of the firm's \$21 billion private asset management division. She also now serves on the firm's board of directors. These promotions follow Neuberger Berman becoming a public company and make Heidi one of the highest ranking women executives in the management field. • After retiring three years ago as a personnel office in the US Army, **Susan Willard** has made a career change and graduated from geriatric nurse practitioner program at Vanderbilt University. She recently passed her NP boards and is working as an ARNP in a group health sub-acute, long-term care and hospice facility in Seattle, WA. She plans to return to school to study medical ethics. She lives in Seattle with her two children: Matthew (15), and Sarah (11). Anyone passing through the area is welcome in her home. Susan can be reached at 206-329-5489. • I was informed that 63 class members attending the reunion did not sign the roster. Hence, my apologies to anyone I inadvertently omitted. Take care and please keep the Class of 1975 up-to-date.

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We had at least 65 members of the class in attendance at the 25th year reunion afternoon luncheon and/or dinner on Saturday, one-third of our graduating class. The organizing committee worked very hard to ensure a successful gathering, and they truly accomplished their goal — thank you! We missed those unable to attend and I feel confident in saying that you would have enjoyed yourselves tremendously. Saturday started with a program featuring Sr. Fran de la Chapelle. Everyone spoke highly of it and how inspiring she was. "Good things don't change" to quote one of our classmates. The Saturday luncheon that followed was equally wonderful. We were honored by Sr. Fran de la Chapelle's presence. The luncheon gave 35 or so of us the opportunity to spend quality time before the evening's

festivities. Everyone expressed hope that we make this a permanent part of our future reunion events. We bravely stood outside for the class picture, warmed by the presence of our old friends. Dinner under the tent sounded like the Student Union of many years ago, with great story telling going on at all tables. Table-hopping was constant, and soon everyone retreated inside for more conversation, beverages, and to listen to music provided by a DJ, and somewhere around 10:30 PM spontaneous fun "broke out," to quote one of our classmates. To see a group of 47 year olds snake through the Country Day School in a conga line was something to behold, only to be eclipsed by the more nimble members of the class gatering — yes, gatering — in their St. John suits. There was a lot of energy in that room, and I must give credit to the dozen or so husbands in attendance who did their best to squire this group around the dance floor. The weekend ended fittingly with a special Mass, in the Newton Chapel, that was both uplifting and emotional. Other highlights: **Laura Zerbinati** traveled the farthest, from Panama. **Sandy McDonald Jones** modeled the latest classy beaded pieces from her new jewelry line (coming soon to a Saks near you!). **Kathy Hughes Morris** and family are settled again in Massachusetts, where she runs her interior decorating business, "Housewarming" in Concord, and was thus able to join us for the first time since reunion #5. She and husband, Bob, have three children: Kaitlin (17), Ryan (14), and Sean (12). **Carol Finigan Wilson** has an insurance business in Concord, and with husband, Chris, also keeps busy with their eight children. **Mary Stevens McDermott** and **Laurie Lawless Orr** shared the trials and triumphs of selecting colleges with their HS Junior daughters. **Jackie Demars Hunter** lives with her family in NH, where she works as a special ed assistant. **Louise Paul Morin** brought us up to date on her two daughters, who will both attend NH colleges in September. **Mary McDonough Young** regaled us with her tales of running in the Dublin (Ireland) Marathon last year. **Joanne McCarthy Goggins** attended her son's graduation from St. John's HS the day after our reunion; he will attend BC in the fall. She was delighted to discover that one of his schoolmates on the crew team, Mike, is the son of **Cathy LoConto Lucey**. **Carol Limanek** shared the heartwarming journey of how she and her adopted daughter, Renee, became a

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family in 1987. Renee is profoundly deaf, and with Carol's love and encouragement, she went on to earn her bachelor's and master's degrees from RIT. Renee and her husband have made Carol a grandmother twice over! Carol lives in Burlington, VT and teaches 4th grade in Stowe. **Posey Holland Griffin** is happily working as a recruiter at Fogarty Knapp & Associates in Stamford, CT. Her husband, Greg, is going to Quito, Ecuador in July on a church mission, and Posey hopes he will be able to connect with **Caterina Echaverria**. Greg is a professional photographer, so those of you lucky enough to give him your cameras probably have some great pictures to develop. **Karen Foley Freeman** stayed with **Lee Costello** for the weekend, and is loving being home with her six-year-old son, Christopher, after 20 years with ABC/Cap Cities. She and husband, Eric, have settled in New Canaan, CT. **Aileen Hundley Prout**, who just celebrated a 20th anniversary with husband, Tom, has two children, Amy, who will attend Michigan State this fall, and Christopher, a HS freshman. Aileen earned an MSW at the University of Michigan in 1995, and divides her time between home and a part-time position as a research assistant in the department of psychiatry at the University of Michigan Medical Center. **Nancy Coughlin Ferraro** works part time as a school psychologist for the Acton Public Schools, and the other "part" is spent with husband, Charlie, daughter Laura (13 years old); their son, Craig (16 years old) attends Phillips Academy in Andover. They have finished renovating their summer home on Lake Winnepesaukee, NH and encourage summer visits from all her old friends. **Jackie**

Regan McSwiggan is on leave from the Bank of NY, and recently won election to the School Board in the Allendale, NJ school district. Jackie is married to Dan, and they have two children, DJ (10), and Kaitlyn (7). **Barbara Drake Glass** is a partner in a consumer-packaged goods design firm. She and husband, Dik, recently bought a vacation home in Mystic, CT that they share with their son, Alex (16) and daughter, Joanna (12). • To close, I will share quotes and messages that describe our classmates impressions of reunion weekend: "As life goes on, it seems that the bonds of the NCSH experience tighten and sustain us all...I was absolutely joyful in coming back—it was like putting on an old shoe!...How great to see that we all still have our vital life force with us! Wonderful to see all of you thriving, changing, growing, and smiling...I felt rejuvenated by the experience of the reunion—I had such a sense of peace and comfort after being with you all. Sometimes "community" is in our heart. I think it sometimes takes 25 years to truly realize and appreciate how special the people and the place are to us." This column was a joy to write! If you don't see your news here, please stay tuned.

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Sadness and loss! **Joseph M. Suozzi** died from a heart attack on February 25 in his London residence. A scion of a prominent Glen Cove, Long Island family, Joe graduated from Chaminade HS in Mineola, NY and joined several classmates at BC in '72, from which he graduated *cum laude*. Thereafter, he earned his master's degree in accounting from Northeastern University and his law degree from St. John's Law School. After working in tax accounting for Arthur Young & Co., Joe moved to the mergers and acquisitions department at Morgan Stanley, also in Manhattan, in '86. For the latter firm, he established the Tokyo and Hong Kong individual investor services. In '90, Joe joined Credit Suisse First Boston as chief operating officer in its Tokyo office, and in '92 transferred to their London office. In '97, Joe joined Deutsche Bank in London as deputy chief operating officer. He is survived by his loving wife, Marea, their children, Maggie and Patrick, his parents, a sister,

three brothers, and countless friends. The address of the Joseph M. Suozzi Memorial Fund is 9 September Lane, Glen Cove, NY 11542. *Requiescat in pace*. • Our 25th Year Reunion will soon be upon us, and the committee is gearing up for this May 2001, gala. Anyone interested in working on the committee should contact this writer at the above address or class president **Rick Carlson** at BC1976@aol.com or by calling (978) 582-7198. Rick asks that you consider a contribution to the Class of '76 Memorial Fund, and reminds that \$25 class dues are due on September 1. Dues subsidize class events, the work of the committee, and recently allowed the Class of '76 to contribute to the Greater Boston Food Bank gala, which raised \$150,000! • Classmates can email notes to alumni.comments@bc.edu, and they will be forwarded. • A Lyons Hall update: **Michael McNamara** and wife **Barbara** report that their son, **Stephen**, is a member of the BC Class '04, and daughter **Lauren** is a frosh at Norwood High School. Mike is a purchasing agent for MIT and **Barbara** works for BC in human services. • **Ellen (Trainey) Brannelly**, her husband **Kevin '77** and their children, **Tim** and **Christian**, reside in Dover where Ellen is an elementary school teacher. **Joe Rowan** recently joined the legal department at Johnson & Johnson Co. He, wife **Elizabeth** and children, **Joseph** and **Christian**, live in Jamaica Plain. **Paul Keating** is the controller for the town of Wayland. • Here's a rarity—a father and son reunion tag team! **Rich Savage** and pater **Dick Savage** '51 plan to attend, respectively, their 25th and 50th Reunions next May. Rich and wife **Pat** are sending a third generation to BC, as their twins **Stephen** and **Jennifer** are in the Class '04. Rich is the Western Hemisphere marketing director, global trading, for American Express Bank. From '78 to '85 he was posted in Asia; since then the family has resided in Scotch Plains, NJ. Rich can be reached at Savage4@aol.com, at least until the first tuition bills arrive! • Please rent space in this column (see above), and God bless!

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Hello everyone! I hope you all had a great summer. The summers here in

the Northeast are far too short for my liking. • **Steve DesJardins** writes from the Persian Gulf. He has been selected for the rank of captain in the US Navy. Steve is currently in command of the USS Elliot, a Spruance class destroyer stationed in the Persian Gulf. The Elliot's primary mission is enforcement of UN sanctions against Iraq. The ship has participated in the capture of a number of oil smugglers, and visits ports such as Bahrain and Dubai in the Gulf; Korea, Hong Kong, and Singapore and looks forward to visiting Australia, New Caledonia and Hawaii before coming home to San Diego in July. Steve lives with his wife **Carla** and nine-year-old daughter **Madeline** in San Diego when he's not sailing the seven seas. • On a sad note, I received notice of the death of **Steven B. Locker** of Mansfield on April 5, 2000. Steven lived in Mansfield with his wife **Maureen Murray**. • **Amy Schreiner**, wife of **John (Jack) Cononico** of West Willington, CT, died February 19. To our fellow classmates and their families, our prayers and thoughts are with you. Please write with all you or news or Email me at maryjootto@earthlink.net.

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As you can see, I have no news to report! I hope you all had a wonderful summer. Please write!

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I hope all those who attended the Reunion Weekend had a good time. It was great to see all of you. I want to thank you for your support of my performance in reviving this space. Please keep the letters coming. From your response, the class really enjoys

reading about its classmates. If you were unable or disinclined to attend Reunion Weekend, I strongly encourage you to make the attempt in five years. Your presence was sorely missed. • The following people were kind enough to update me during the reunion. **Cathy Budde Viera** lives in Bridgewater with her two sons. She works in the neo-natal intensive care unit at MGH. • **Carolyn Donahue Popper** lives in Cumberland, RI. She and her husband have one son. She is the district sales manager for Astra-Zeneca. She had the good fortune to work with former Eagle quarterback **Mark Hartsell** before his attempt to catch on with the Chicago Bears. • **Jeanne Goldman Haeckel** drove to the reunion with her neighbor and Reunion Weekend roommate **Paula Bruskiewitz**. Jeannie is retired after working for 17 years at Fidelity to raise her two children. Paula has three daughters and is a partner in a consulting firm. • Fellow dentist **Kevin Muench** has a practice and lives in Maplewood, NJ. He and his wife are busy with their three boys (ages 5, 3, and 1). • **Paul Ingrassia** works at Solomon, Smith Barney in investment management with **Paul Vanderslice**. He lives in Rye, NY and has three daughters. • **Orlando Corsi** lives in North Andover. He is CFO of office environments and has one child. • When he is not working, **John Annese** tells me he is enjoying his new boat. Speaking of **John Annese**, he and his wife **Maria Lutz Annese** live in Revere with their two children. John practices dentistry in Revere as well. • I also spoke to **Larry Casey** who, when he is not working as a partner at Perkins, Smith and Cohen, is busy bike riding up to 30 miles a day. He and his wife **Dara Blendermann Casey** are rais-

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ing four children in Andover. • **Bernadette Downey** works for Med-Safe and is involved in OSHA compliance for dental offices. • **Lou Taylor** and **Tammy Mathias Taylor** live in Darien, CT. They have three children ages 8, 9, and 12. Lou works for Prudential Securities. • **Bob Canavan** works for Staples as a VP of merchandiser support. He lives in Marlboro. • **Rich Cirillo, MD** is an orthopedic surgeon in Huntington, MD and has three kids. Even though he went to Georgetown Medical School, he assures me he roots for the Eagles when they play the Hoyas. • **Bonnie and Fred Bauer** live in West Hartford, CT with their three girls. He has many interests in the area including a number of car washes. • **Dr. Brian O'Connor** was busy recruiting many patients during the Reunion Weekend. • **Kathy Morrissey** and **Tommy Saxton** live in Briarcliff, NY with their four children. Kathy is a domestic engineer and Tommy works for Morgan Stanley in NYC. • **Mike Brescia** and **Steve Bergson** spent the night competing for the title of "Mayor of the Reunion." • **Peter Gedroits** writes from sunny San Antonio where he lives with his wife and four children. He is a legal counsel to the Air Force Services Agency, which oversees all AF youth, fitness, and recreational activities worldwide. • **Lisa DeNatale** is marketing director for Ryka in Portland, OR. She has been living in the Northwest for ten years with her husband and two children. • **Harold Cordner, MD** recently welcomed his first child into the world in June 1999. His second was due in May 2000. Congratulations. Harold is a chief of anesthesia and chief of surgery. • Finally, congratulations go out to **Judy Kelly, RN** who was recently appointed director of patient care clinical resources for Caritas Norwood Hospital.

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I received a great Email from **Kim Schlotman Bantle** this past spring. Kim and a host of others gathered in Nantucket last September in honor of **Jane Alberding McCarthy's** 40th birthday. Jane and her husband planned a great weekend, complete with a sunset cruise, fun dinners, and

incredible weather. Everyone was happy to see that everyone was doing so well at age 40! Kim wrote that while everyone has had his or her share of life's ups and downs, all have been blessed with great family lives, health, prosperity, and happiness. Jane lives in Winnetka, IL with her husband, Michael, and their three children: Caroline, 10, Nick, 8, and Claire, 3. Michael's company builds retirement homes. • **Michele Arrix Whelan** and her husband, Terry (Ellen's brother), could not attend the Nantucket weekend but Kim saw her last June when she stopped in Newburyport on her way to Cape Cod. Michele has three children: Allie, 11, Christopher, 9, and Meghan, 6, and lives in Wellesley. She works part time as a radio consultant. • **Liz Botti Monocha** gave birth to her first child, Baylen, in January. Kim said that her wedding two years ago to Rohit in South Hampton, NY was a blast. Rohit recently sold his investment firm and is now working with a new company in San Francisco. Liz recently left the phone company business after 19 years to stay at home with Baylen. Liz and Rohit live in New York City but spend a lot of time in their home in South Hampton. • **Mary Butler Fraser** and **Donald Fraser** (who also missed the Nantucket reunion) refinished a beautiful brownstone in Brooklyn Heights, NY where they live on two floors and are landlords for the other three. Donald is a lawyer with Fraser and Fraser and Mary recently switched from full-time management at Katz Communications to part-time radio sales out of her home. Their daughter, Maddie, 5, looks like a Fraser but has Mary's personality. • **Beth Canavan McCasky** and her husband, Doug, live in Southport, CT with their two daughters, Isabel, 4, and Mary Grace, 2. Beth still has her store, Accents, in Southport and Doug runs his investment company out of their home. • **Rhea Flannery Fleckenstein** and her husband, Doug, live in Boca Raton, FL, where Doug runs warehouses for Coach Leathers. Rhea left her job as a buyer for a clothing catalogue to stay at home with Hannah, 4, and Michael, 2. Kim and Rhea often discuss the merits of warm weather and young children. No hats, coats, and boots! • **Margaret Murphy Burton** and her husband, Brad, have two children, Abby, 3, and Charlie, 2. They recently moved to Wilmette, IL (near Jane) from downtown Chicago where Brad is a lawyer. Margaret works four days at a radio station as the national sales manager. Her Email address is

mmurphy597@aol.com. • **Pam Perkins Kipp** and Dave have added an addition to their house in Newburyport to accommodate their three children: Caroline, 6, Julia, 5, and James, 3. David works in sales and Pam works four days a week selling computer systems out of her home office in their barn. • **Ellen Whelan Shaughnessy** was Kim's inn mate in Nantucket. Ellen has the only teenager in the group and everyone looks to her for news about what they have to look forward to (or not). Ellen and Keith, a banker, live by the water in Manchester with their children Meghan, 13, Michael, 10, and Kari, 7. As for Kim, she lives in Malibu, CA with her husband Scott, and their daughter Taylor, 6, and two sons: Jackson, 4, and Will, almost 2. They have lived there for four years. Kim works three to four days a week in programming and development at Paramount Television, and her husband is a producer, running the on-air promotion department at Fox Sports and Fox Sports Net. While Kim lives the farthest away, she has no problem hopping on a plane anytime the occasion calls for it. The gang has agreed to meet up at our 20th year reunion. To reach any of the above, feel free to Email Kim at kschlotman@aol.com. • As a PS, Kim reports that **Kathy McNamara Pitsor** was last seen at Mary and Donald's wedding in Nantucket seven years ago. She was living with her husband, Deon, and their son. Kim seems to have lost her whereabouts since then. Kim, thanks a million for such a great update. • Congratulations to **Joe Harkins** who recently joined Roger T. Staubach and The Staubach Company as executive managing director of the New York Regional Office. • **Jamie Dahill's** most recent update finds him in New York City, having left LA to work for a California bio-tech firm as their NYC sales rep. Please write to him at jamied@gateway.net. • **Michael Giunta**, a trial lawyer, was recently elected a partner in the Boston law firm of Burns & Levinson LLP. He and his wife, Peggy, reside in North Reading with their two children, Lee and Christopher. • As we approach our reunion year, let's have more updates like Kim's.

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The star of these class notes is my childhood friend **Julie Rao Martin**, who gets jealous any time I write about **Cindi Bigelow**. Julie is the chief marketing officer and one of the founders of TripKing.com, a website dedicated to helping those travelers who take road vacations each year. Membership is free, the site is super, and you know Jules will help you plan a great vacation (road trip to South Bend, anyone?) She's even got her five-year-old daughter, Samantha, training to take over the company someday. You can Email Julie at jmartin@tripking.com. Cindi, she especially wants to hear from you! • Speaking of Cindi, she called to tell me what a great time she had recently with **Maureen Jeffers**, **Jill Stein**, **Diane Johnson**, and **Cathy Curtin**, who all descended upon Fairfield, CT to have lunch, walk the beach, read through our yearbook and look at some old BC photos. Oh, to be a fly on the wall during that conversation! • My old roomie **Bruce Pearl** is the basketball coach at the University of Southern Indiana (the Eagles, naturally). They won the Division II National Championship several years ago, and Bruce recently reached the 200-victory plateau faster than any college coach in history. And on the subject of Mod 40A roommates, I received a surprise visit from **Charlie Busa** a few weeks ago, who was passing through Connecticut on his way to wreaking havoc elsewhere. • My guilt trip to the ladies of Mod 40B from the last issue seems to have worked, because **Marianne Kelly-Vivencio** sent me an Email. She and her husband Robert '80 live in Prides Crossing with their three children, Sarah (7), Mark (3), and Tori (almost 2.) Marianne is a client business manager for AT&T. So where are the rest of you 40Bers? • **Charlie D'Atri** reminded me that our 20th reunion is just around the corner. Charlie handles marketing at the Disney Corp. in LA for their pop music division, Hollywood Records. He and his wife, Jan, recently welcomed Emma D'Atri into the world. Charlie has been in touch with **Fran Sullivan**, who is living in New Orleans, and **Kevin Shannon**, who, rumor has it, is in Atlanta where he may be ready to end his bachelor

holdout. • Congrats to **Tony Giunta**, who was elected mayor of Franklin, NH. Stop by if you're ever passing through the central part of the state. And if you're in the mood to contact old friends, **Dennis Monaban** loves catching up with classmates. Email him at dmona25941@aol.com. • **Lisa (Motton) Shorten** is living in Virginia with her husband and son. Lisa runs a private practice as a speech pathologist, and she also founded Cards by Catnip, a greeting card business. • **Rev. Bob Bowers** returned from a trip to Ecuador with the missionary organization, Por Christo. Fr. Bob is a member of that group's board of trustees. • Here is the only bad part about being a class correspondent. **Diane Kelly Kirk** passed away earlier this year in Maryland. She leaves her husband and our classmate, **Ed Kirk**, and two children. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you, Ed. • Are you people really turning 40 this year? All I can say is thank goodness for a December birthday!

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Just a trickle of updates this time around—everyone should take stock of what's new and drop me a line! Here is an update on a couple of your favorite guys from 35 South Street. **Eric Goldstein** and his wife Nancy live in Worcester with their three sons: Joey, 9; Adam, 6; and Drew, 3. Eric is the director of Emergency Mental Health at the new Worcester Medical Center. His e-mail is mysons333@aol.com and he would love to hear from the old 31 and 35 gang. Eric keeps in contact with **Vincent Gabel** who lives in Antwerp, Belgium with his wife Ilona and their son Alex. • **Jeff Rubin** works in investment and advisor compliance for Fidelity Investments in Boston. He lives in Swampscott with his wife Debbie, daughter Lauren, 5, and son Joshua, 1. • **Steve McGlynn** lives in Medford with his wife Michelle and their four children: Jonathan, 17, Paige, 10, Jolene, 5, and Colby, 4. Steve is the New England regional sales manager for IPT Harrington Plastics. His Email is JPJLTD@aol.com. • **Christine (Raines) Rosner** is a director at Deutsche Asset Management in New

York City; lives in Sleepy Hollow, NY; is married to Norm; and has a two-year old son named Ted. • Since she last wrote, **Sharleen Carrico Grove** left Microsoft to stay at home with her young boys for a few years. Her updated e-mail address is SharleenGrove@msn.com. • **James Hatem** has been named a partner in the business group of the national law firm Nixon Peabody, LLP. He will continue to focus his practice in the areas of insurance regulation and general business matters in the firm's Manchester, NH office.

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Hope your summer was great! Here's the latest: **Lynda McKinney Ashe** runs her own public relation agency in located in Dedham. The firm specializes in events and consumer products. Previous to starting her own business, Linda worked at IQ&J PR and Hill, Holliday in Boston. For the past 11 years, Linda has been a member of BC's part-time faculty, teaching both "Introduction" and "Advanced Public Relations" in the communication department. Linda and husband David Ashe live in Dedham with their four children: Stephen, age 5; Michael, age 4; and Christopher and Lauren, both 8 months old. Linda writes she would love to hear from old BC friends. • **Dr. Richard Stefanacci** currently serves as medical director for Elder Health in Baltimore. He and his wife Beth and their four children live outside of Philadelphia. • **Linda A. Mura** has been named vice president of public relations for Classic Residence by Hyatt Corporation at the company's corporate office in Chicago. Prior to this position Linda was senior vice president at Porter Novelli, a national public relations firm, where she was responsible for directing its national health care practice. Linda is a member of the Chicago Chapter of the Public Relations Society of America and served as the organization's publicity chairperson and editor of its monthly newsletter, PRSA/Chicago. In the past, Linda has also taught undergraduate courses in public relations for BC. • **John McGuirk** and family live in Canton. John writes that he and his wife have been married for 13 years, and have been blessed with

three children: Thomas, age 10; Timothy, age 8; and JoJo, age 6. John and wife are considering adopting a child. John writes that he and his wife work in the ministry, and have found nothing more satisfying than seeing the lives they have come in contact with changed for the better. • In a prior issue I mentioned to you the loss of classmate **Kenneth R. Locke** who passed away on November 17, 1998. Although I received this additional news late, I did want to pass it on to you. Ken's family, had a memorial benefit in Ken's honor, at the K of C Hall in Randolph last Saturday, March 25, 2000. All proceeds from the event were sent to the Cam Neely House of the New England Medical Center in Boston. • Again, in a prior issue I mentioned the passing of fellow classmate **Bruce Bennett**. I have received an update from his family. The Bruce F. Bennett Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established at Dean Cooperative Bank, 21 Main Street, Franklin, MA 02038-1122. The first scholarship was awarded last June, which would have been the 20th anniversary of Bruce's graduation from Franklin High School. While at Franklin High, Bruce was class president, played baseball and basketball and was active in the band and drama club. Donations in Bruce's memory may be mailed to the above address. • Thank you for your letters, calls, and Emails. I look forward to hearing from you. If you haven't written in a while or never written, how about dropping me a line so I can share with our classmates!

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What a great reunion we had! O'Connell House was full and I believe everyone had a great time, I certainly did! We have a dedicated Emailbox for the class: bc1985@mindspring.com. Please drop a note and I will include it (note: there is usually a four to six month lag due to the timing of the magazine distribution). • Jon and Rachel O'Hara Kurtyka, Pam Riso Ferraro, Mary Tyrrell Coughlin, Shelly Barillo McGillivray and Dan McGillivray caught up at the reunion and had a chance to see each other's kids. Prior to the reunion party they frantically looked through

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the class yearbook to remember old names and faces. Rachel was disappointed that **Sally Tychanich Healy**, **Eileen Goerss Thornberry** and **Lisa Hartunian Campbell** couldn't be with us for the reunion. **Paula Troy Perry** lives in Mansfield with her husband Steven and her two children Elijah and Molly. • **Kathy Hession Rockey** works at the Boston Consulting Group and lives in Easton with her husband Patrick and two children Brendan and Kale. • **Bob and Susan Livendahl Marren** are living in Winnetka, IL with their six children and Bob works for MFS. • **John Ballantonio** had a great time at the reunion with his wife Alisa and a group of their friends who stayed with them in New Dorm. • **Steve Lipin** and his wife Anne attended the reunion as well. Steve is still working at the Wall Street Journal and lives in New York City with his wife and two beautiful red-headed daughters. • **Dan Flynn** and his wife Margaret live in Milton with their two-year-old daughter. • **Bill and Kathy Reilly Britt** live in Downers Grove, IL with their five children. • **Diane Graham Steblaj** lives with her husband and two daughters, Alexa and Kathryn in Binghamton, NY. • **Amy Fracassinni** is living in the Back Bay and working for a law firm in Boston. • **Ken and Wendy Fai Roos** traveled to the reunion from La Jolla, CA leaving their three children at home for a special weekend with the aunt. • **Vin Sylvia** was among the award winners at the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association event held in Salisbury, NC (April 29 to May 2). Vin, who is a staff sportswriter for the Manchester Union Leader, was named Sportswriter of the Year in

New Hampshire. Vin's regular assignments include coverage of the New England Patriots and New Hampshire college athletics, as well as a weekly column on running. Vin lives in Wakefield with his wife Mary and son Cal, 18 months old. • **Tom Zambito** joined the New York Daily News as an investigative reporter. He and his wife, Debbie, live in Ridgewood, NJ with their two-year-old son, Tony. • **Adrienne Vena Markisz** is married to John Markisz. They have two children: Christopher, 2 1/2, and Jacqueline, 1. Adrienne is an account executive for AMGEN, Inc. and lives in Princeton Junction, NJ. • A few of the former roommates from mods 35B and surrounding mods had a pre-reunion reunion. They have been meeting in Falmouth at **Carol Blood Walker's** family home for an overnight stay for the past few years. Carol is putting her training as a pediatric nurse to direct use as she and her husband John live in Bolton, CT with their son Brian, 6, daughter Michelle, 4, and new infant who arrived last spring. • **Nicole Smit Marcinkiewicz** earned a master's degree in adult health. She and husband **Bill Marcinkiewicz** who is the CFO of Fidelity Capital (a division of Fidelity Investments) live in Natick with sons Kyle, 9, and Alex, 4, and daughter Sarah, 7. • **Sarah Alley Lavalette** is a pediatric nurse at Connecticut Children's Medical Center and lives in S. Glastonbury with her husband Jack, daughter Alley, 5, and son Logan, 8 months. • **Kathy Curtin Perry** is working at New England Medical running the disease management program for heart failure. She lives in Andover with husband Ernie and daughter Julia, 3, and son E.J., 18 months. • **Sue Robitaille Pier** and husband **Jim Pier** live in Cheshire, CT with their three children: Brendan, 7, Katherine, 5, and Claire, 1. Sue manages the household and Jim is a neuropsychologist at Easter Seals in CT. • **Betsy Sullivan Brown** is the director of medical services for Por Christo, a nonprofit volunteer organization in the field of international health, working in partnership with Latin American health professionals to improve the health of poor children and their families. Several times per year she travels to Ecuador with teams of North American health professionals, equipment, and supplies. • **Maureen Murphy Olsen** is working as an account executive at WCVB-TV, Channel 5 in Needham. Maureen lives in Needham with her husband Doug, and her daughters Maggie, 5, and

Anya, 3. • **Tricia McHugh Russ** unfortunately could not make the mod reunion this year. She was busy opening up her new shop "Zu Zu's" in Hingham where she lives with husband Craig and daughters Emily, 6, and Hannah, 4. • **Carrie Barr** also was unable to join us. She lives in Darien, CT with her husband Garrison and son Charlie, 6. • **Rich Joseph** got married in October 1992 to Carol (Brennan). They have three children: Mary Catherine, 6; Danny, 5; and Elizabeth, 3. They have lived in South Natick since they were married. Rich had held the position of CFO of Streamline.com in Westwood until recently when he left to become senior vice president and CFO of Audax Group. Audax is an alternative asset management company located in Boston. Two former Bain Capital managing directors founded it in July 1999. Rich was their first hire and they are now nearing 50 employees. Audax has offices in Boston, New York, and San Francisco. What Audax does, in short, is venture capital and large buy-outs of companies. Rich finds his work very exciting. • **Liz (Adame) Dougherty** graduated from Georgetown University, became an attorney, and passed the Florida state and federal bar exams in 1991. Liz practiced law for several years with the law firm of Quarles & Brady in West Palm Beach, FL with a strong interest in employment law. She was named director of human resources for the Catholic Diocese of Palm Beach in July 1999. The Diocese seat is located in Palm Beach Gardens, FL. Liz and her husband Tom celebrated 15 years of marriage this year! Tom is also an attorney who practices probate and estate planning in North Palm Beach, FL. They are the proud parents of a daughter Quincy, age 3. • I am living in Tiburon, CA, just north of San Francisco. I am working in the investment banking group at Houlihan Lokey Howard & Zukin, focused on m & a and capital raising. My children Tom, 6, and Molly, 4, are enjoying life in CA. • Please keep your notes coming!

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Hello to all! Congrats and hello to **George Gonser!** It was great to hear from George and receive news of the birth of his fourth child! George and his wife welcomed a daughter, Caitlin, in November! She joins her three brothers, Christian, Owen, and William, all under six years! George is finishing his MBA at Babson and is the general manager of Massachusetts Dental Society Insurance Services! You must be very busy, George, thanks for taking the time to write! Good luck with the four kids! • **Beth Hennessy Magann** and husband Larry are living in Canton with their two children: Matthew, age two, and new baby, Caroline. Congrats! • **Jennifer Fitzgerald Rohmeyer** wrote with news of herself and **Suzanne Hebert McNeill!** Jennifer and Suzanne recently vacationed together in St. Maarten and sailed on the Stars and Stripes, which won the America's Cup in '87! Suzi lives in Whitefish Bay, WI with husband Matthew (BC Law '92) and two daughters, Elizabeth and Jennifer. Jennifer and husband, Paul, live in Belle Mead, NJ with two one-year-old twin boys, Terence and August and baby daughter, Madeline. Jennifer would love to hear from old friends and can be reached at jprohm@bigfoot.com. • **Tom Restivo** is living in Frederick, MD and working in computer support at Ft. Detrick, MD. He is engaged to a woman who he met at a Star Trek convention in Northern Virginia. • Lastly, I received a wonderful letter from classmate, **Carol Coldren Perry**, whom I remember very well and loved hearing from! Carol has had such an interesting life since our graduation, I thought I'd share the details with all of you! Carol started her career in banking in Boston right after graduation and then did an MBA in international management. She then trained as a credit officer with a bank in Hartford, CT (HSBC Equator Bank) for two years which lead her a six year stint (two years each) in London, Nairobi (Kenya), and Kampala (Uganda). In the meantime, she had met her husband, Dale, and was keeping up a long distance relationship. In 1997, Dale was adventurous enough to move to Africa and Carol and Dale were married at a beautiful tented camp in Amboseli

National Park at the base of Mount Kilimanjaro! Rachel Claire (their first child) was born in Africa, the moved to Kazakhstan where Dale worked for AES, Corp. They spent a year there (formerly part of the USSR) and Carol retired to take care of Rachel. They have most recently moved to Porte Alegre, Brazil where they were expecting another child momentarily at this writing! Carol and Dale plan to stay in Brazil for three to five years and then head home to US for a good long time! They are really enjoying the Brazilians and say they are incredibly friendly and warm people! Carol would love to hear from any classmates that make it to southern Brazil and can be reached at carolperry@iname.com. Carol would love to hear from **Rick Jones** (last heard from in love in Guatemala) or **Lizbeth Clinton Granfield**. She would appreciate any information that anyone has about Rick or Liz! Thanks, Carol, and enjoy your adventures! It was great to hear from you! • My best friend and roommate, **Gretchen Papagoda Parisi** has recently been named senior publications manager at the Thompson Publishing Group in Washington, DC. She manages and edits many FDA publications and news briefs. She and her husband, Ray, live in Herndon, VA with their adorable daughters Laura and Anna. • That's all from here! Let me know how you all are doing!

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Hello everyone! I hope that you all had a wonderful summer. I had a busy one. I moved my home stationery business into a storefront in Braintree at the beginning of May, and won five awards at the National Stationery Show in New York City at the end of May. Jaclyn finished her first year of pre-school, and had her first ballet recital in June. • **Lorraine McGee** married Rajeev Kumar in May. She has been a chiropractor for ten years and is practicing in Everett. • **Tracey Trifari Metz** emailed that she and her husband Michael live in Montville, NJ. She taught Middle School and High School Math for eight years, and stopped teaching when her daughter Samantha Marie was born. She'll be five on August 6, and her little

brother, Malachi Francis, will be one on August 7! • **Betty DeConto Waaler** is living in Maine with her husband Chris and son Tyler. Betty has been working from home as a marketing communications consultant to Hewlett-Packard since March. • **Christine Wisleder Burke** emailed that she just had her fourth child, Ashley, in February. She joins siblings Emily, Erica, and Matthew. She's at home with the kids, but plans to do some part-time consulting work in human resources. She, husband Rick, and the kids live in Plymouth. • **Holly McCauley Herrick** emailed that she recently relocated from Jackson Hole, WY to Charleston, SC in search of fishing, warmth, and fun. She's working for the local paper as a restaurant critic and feature food writer to hone her skills since graduating from Le Cordon Bleu, Paris in 1993. She welcomes news from classmates — you can email her at hollyherrick@hotmail.com. • **Tim Hackett** emailed with a few updates. He and **Lisa Stepan** were married in June of 1999. Lisa is the vice president of production for Towers Productions, a leading independent documentary film producer in the US. After seven years at EMC, Tim joined start-up StorageNetworks as regional sales manager. They are living in the Lincoln Park section of Chicago. He writes that **Kristen Lifvendahl Starr**, who lives in Chicago with her husband Ed, are the proud new parents of twin boys, Robbie and Teddie. Kristen hopes to resume her regular Monday night stint singing at the Zebra Lounge in Chicago. • **Nancy Croghan Sheridan** and her husband Phil also live in Chicago and are the proud parents of six little girls! • **Laura Danis Quill** and her husband Hoody live in San Francisco with their son Andrew. Laura is a nurse practitioner. • **Mark Adams** lives in Silicon Valley with his wife Maureen and daughter Casey. • **Melina Gerosa** married Keith Bellows in December 1999. They live in NYC where Melina is the entertainment editor for Ladies Home Journal. • **Jim Murphy** lives on Cape Cod with wife Gretchen, son Hayden, and daughter Brigitte where he is developing and selling real estate. • **Steve Birmingham** lives in Quincy and works in the family business: HUB Folding Box. • **Dan Sullivan** and wife Maggie live in Chicago, where he works with Jordan Industries. • **Ed Shaffer** and his wife Megan also live in Chicago, and he works at EMC. • **Marilee Denelle Bell** and her husband Peter '86 are busy raising their sons Frank

and Brad. Peter is the co-founder of StorageNetworks. • **Ellen Brady Daffada** and her husband Jin live in Chicago with their three children. • **Steve and Kathy Rock Snow** recently moved to Hingham after many years in Chicago with their four little girls. Thanks Tim for all those updates! • I received a letter from **Molly Delaney Druffner** who, along with husband Mark, welcomed their fourth child, Charlie, in February. He joins Jacob, age seven; Julian, age five; and Cecelia, age two. They're living in Hudson, WI. • **Paul Aswad** emailed that he and his wife Cindy had their first child, Madeline Elisabeth, in March. They live in Needham. Paul is a dentist practicing in Needham. • **Patience Hailey Shutts** emailed that she and her husband Tony are living in Laguna Beach, CA and have two children: Natalie who's two-and-a-half, and Jeremy who's six months old. She's an at-home mom and would love to hear from other '87 Eagle moms who live in the vicinity. • I also heard from **Jacki Tessier Diani**. She and her husband Mark just adopted a baby girl from Korea. Her name is Chae Anne and she was born in September 1999. They traveled to Korea to pick her up and brought her home in February. They live in Milton and Jacki works in the cooperative education department at Northeastern University. • That's it for now. Congratulations to all the new parents and newlyweds. Keep the Emails and letters coming! Have a great fall — see you in December!

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It has been a busy year for **Tim Cooney**. He was married in June in Chatham to Claire Streibert, a graduate of Yale University and current medical student at George Washington University. He also co-founded an Internet Company named Ventures4sale.com (the market for buyers and sellers of busi-

nesses). There is a select group of individuals serving on their advisory board, including former US Senator Mark O. Hatfield and Gary Parsons (chairman, American Mobile Satellite). • **Matthew Perreault** and his MBA classmates have also developed a web-based business. UrbanEvents.com helps people throw events by selling tickets online (focusing on urban and cultural events). The site was launched in November and it's been growing rapidly. They are now entertaining offers to take venture funding or sell the company outright. They invite you to check out the site and see if there are any events in your area you'd like to attend. • **Joe Popolo** and his wife Chris are living in Dallas. Joe has been promoted to vice president of finance and treasurer of the Freeman Companies. He and Chris have a two-year-old daughter, Kit (BC 2020) and one more on the way. • **John MacKinnon** and **Karen Colley MacKinnon** welcome Sean Colley MacKinnon born on December 3. Sean has an older sister Kailin who was born August 12, 1997. John is a computer programmer with Fleet Bank in Canton and Karen, a former second grade teacher, stays home with Kailin and Sean. They live in Medway. • **Gregory Leonard** just got out of the US Army at the rank of captain. He is currently living in Katy, TX with his wife Trina and daughters Taylor (4) and Madison (3). He is about to start working as a commercial insurance rep. for Travelers. He'd like to say "hi" to all of his former friends especially "Double Eagles" **Scott MacKenzie**, **Jack MacKinnon**, and **Pat McManus**. Any friends or alumni in the Houston area, look him up; he's in the book. • A note from the Class of '89 officers: Based on feedback from our 10th year reunion, it's clear that many of us would enjoy more events — social, professional, charitable — each year to help us stay connected to the school and each other. Achieving this goal requires two critical elements. FIRST, we would like to begin organizing activities each year and welcome your input, as well as your volunteerism. Please check our class website for more information: members.aol.com/boscoll89. SECOND, we desperately need financial commitment from the entire class to support these activities and develop a class treasury, which is nearly depleted. Many other alumni classes collect annual dues. Like any professional, fitness, or social club, our class needs financial support to provide worthwhile activities. It is critical for class members to support our

class fund through annual class dues. The reward for that commitment will be events to serve our social, professional, and personal interests. At the same time we will be developing a treasury so that we can responsibly plan (and reduce costs) for upcoming reunions. Look for a letter later this year from our class officers with more details on dues, planned activities, etc. • Please send any questions, comments or feedback to boscoll89@aol.com.

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The BC Young Alumni Club has a web page where you can read about upcoming events in the Boston area and alumni news (this is our last year as "young alumni" — by the way, isn't that sad?!). The address is www.bc.edu/yac. • **Steven Haines** and **Dana Robinson Haines** are living in Tokyo, Japan. Steve is an associate at the law firm of Morrison & Foerster. They plan to be in Tokyo for about two years before moving back to Los Angeles. They can be reached at shaines@mofo.com. • **Tammi Trovato Noe** and her husband Jeff Noe welcomed Mackenzie Jane Noe into the world in December. Former roommate **Marie Harrer** and her husband, Carl Loesch, welcomed Connor Henry Harrer Loesch into the world in December as well! Congratulations to both! • **Leslie LaRoche Bishop** married Rick Bishop '92 in 1994 and currently live in Framingham. Leslie earned a PhD in chemistry in 1996

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Hello fellow classmates! I hope everyone had a fun, relaxing summer. I am sure you were all very busy and have lots to share! Please write and fill us all in! The deadline for the next magazine will be in early September for the Fall Issue. • Congratulations to **Peter Ray** who married Stacey O'Daniel in May of 1999. Peter is finishing his surgical residency in general surgery and will be entering the match for plastic surgery this fall. • Congratulations to **Siobhan Rohan Dwan** who teamed up with Maia Gomory to open Fenton McGreal Associates, Inc. in Boston. The agency specializes in temporary and permanent office staff placements. • **Robert Fernandez** received the Big Brother of Distinction award during the 24th annual Awards Gala and Auction on April 7. The award is presented to five Big Brother volunteers who most exemplify the volunteer efforts of the organization! Congratulations, Robert. • Congratulations to **Jeff Cianciolo** and his wife, Heather, who had their second child, Colin, in June 1999. Jeff and his family live in East Greenwich, RI. • **Dave Penn** recently accepted a job with Schmiedeskamp, Robertson, Nev and Mitchell, a law firm in Quincy, IL. He is married to Leesa and has three children: Jacob, Jonah, and Hannah. They are expecting their fourth child in early July. • **Roman Uschak** has been working as the director of communications for the North American Hockey League in Northville, MI since August 1999. • **Patty Deshaies** made a career change from management back to education and received her teaching credentials from Pepperdine University in 1998. She has been teaching for almost three years and is currently teaching first grade in Culver City Unified School District in California. Patty lives in West Los Angeles. • **Donna Hauser** is a manager in sales administration for Christian Dior in New York City. Donna lives in New York. • Thank you, **Phil Groves**, for updates on many classmates! Phil is living with his wife, Colleen, in Glenview, IL with their son Riley (born in August '99) and daughter Megan, 3. Phil left Arthur Andersen after over seven years and is now the director of

at BC and is currently an assistant professor of chemistry at Regis College. Rick is a financial analyst at Fidelity; they are expecting their first child in July. • **Larissa Castriotta Kennedy** lives in Oakland, CA and misses the East Coast terribly! On February 18, 2000, Larissa and husband Ross welcomed daughter Sidney Hayes Kennedy into the world. • Another wayward '90 reports that she is finally moving back East. **Patty Chung** is an anchor/reporter at the Fox station in New York City. But for on-air purposes she will be known as Patricia Wu. Patty hopes fellow Eagles in will drop her a line at Channel 5 if they're in town. • **Bernard Gallagher** has moved from the Washington, DC area to North Carolina where he works for a law firm. **Chris Foley** and **Barb Weir** had a beautiful baby girl on April 1. • **Joe Hegarty** and **Beth Clark Hegarty** are living in Rochester Minnesota. Joe received his MD in 1997 from Hahnemann University and is currently a chief resident at the Mayo Clinic. Beth received her master's in education at BC in 1992 and taught second grade for a few years. She is currently a full time mom and homemaker with their children Brianna (5), Aidan (3), and the newest addition Shannon Rose born April 28. • **Mini Nunna** and husband Eric Gerster '93 had their first child, daughter Maya Rose, on February 16. They have been living in Baltimore for the past two years. Mini worked as recruiting services coordinator at the career planning and development office at Johns Hopkins University, but is now a full-time mom. Eric is an equity research analyst covering the software industry at T. Rowe Price. • **Diane Cordano Conlan** and husband Mike saw the arrival of Emily Rose on December 9, 1999. The Conlan family lives on Long Island where Diane has her own physical therapy practice. • **Missy Campbell Reid** and husband Scott welcomed their first bundle of joy, Alexander James on April 4. • **Laura Byrne O'Connor** and husband Johnny welcomed their second son Joseph on April 5. • **Michele Nadeau Chadbourne** and husband David had baby girl number three on September 15; her name is Grace Lynn. • **Maureen Appleyard** bought a house in her hometown of Swampscott last August. She attends the New England School of Law three nights a week and works full-time as a tax supervisor at Parent, McLaughlin and Nongle. Maureen has remained a loyal fan of Eagle football and tailgates frequently with the likes of

Kelty Flaherty Kelley and **Matt McConnell** and wife Aileen. • **Sister Lynn Anne Schimminger** has been appointed to the Hilbert College Board of Trustees. Hilbert College is located in Hamburg, NY. • **Patrick and Kesea McEleney** welcomed their first son, Patrick Masahito, on April 1, 1999. They are living in Tokyo, Japan. • **Patrick Hurley** is an associate in the litigation department of the law firm of Huck, Bouma, Martin, Jones & Bradshaw in Wheaton, IL. Fiancée Cara Lanza '96 is pursuing a PhD in clinical psychology at Loyola University. They will marry July 7, 2001, in Philadelphia. • **Annemarie Marek Thompson** and husband Andy welcomed their first child on December 28, Hannah Mills, weighing in at 7 lb., 4 oz. • **Margaret Borden-Curry** and her husband moved to Co Clare, Ireland in January and will be there for a year. • **James Doherty** is an attorney with the firm of Eisenberg, Tanchum & Levy in New York, specializing in entertainment law with a concentration in the music industry. • **Anthony Fernandes** left Shenyang, China in July 1999, and is now a second secretary vice consul working in the consular and political section of the US Embassy in Ottawa, Canada. He will be there through the fall of 2001. • In July 1999, **Karen Seaver Hill** and husband Chris welcomed a baby girl; Caroline Grace marks the second generation of *My Mother's Flea bag*. • **Susanne Bonhote** married husband Tim July 10, 1999. She is teaching second grade and working on a PhD in elementary administration. • **Brian Connor** joined the PGA Tour as director of marketing for the Tournament Players' Club of Boston. The course is a partnership among the PGA Tour, Fleet Boston Financial, and BC grad Bill Connell. The course is being built at Great Woods and will be ready for play in 2002. • **Joseph Zaccheo** married Denise Campia in June 1993, and have three children: Joey (5), Allison (4), and Bailey Rose (1). Joe is a CPA and works for the Sullivan Tire Companies as a financial analyst. He will complete an MST program at Bentley College this year. • I hope to hear from you soon!

myCFO.com. • **Rob Madden** formed Madden Investment Group with his brother, Scott. They run a Hedge Fund that invests in complicated financial products. • **Rob Warnock** runs the New York office for First Tennessee where he specializes in US Treasuries. • **Joe Indelicato** moved to Tokyo where he is working for Morgan Stanley. His Email address is joe.indelicato@msdw.com. • **Mike Dinapoli** and his wife Kim '92 just moved to Rancho Santa Margareta, CA. They have a one year old daughter. • **Jack Fleming** is still running the Boston Marathon for the Boston Athletic Association when he is not hiding from **Dave McLaughlin's** new son (according to Phil). • **Joe Crowley** is roaming Europe working for a German or French company. • Congratulations to **Lauren Chabot Travers** and her husband Ben who had a baby girl, Alexis Cannon, on January 10. They are living in Mill Valley, CA. • Congratulations to **Sheila Ring Rinaldi** and her husband Tony on the birth of their second son, Alexander Edward on April 13. • **Ellen Blumenberg Rusnak** and her husband George welcomed their first child on April 6. His name is George Charles. Last year they moved to Pennsylvania after she finished her MBA at NYU. She is now working as a Marketing Manager for McNeil Consumer Healthcare (a division of Johnson & Johnson). • **Arnie Sookram** has been in New York City since graduation and works for an internet services company, IXL, Inc. in strategy. He is moving to work in their London office. He would love to hear from anyone who is in that area! His email address is asookram@ixl.com. • **Rick Savino** is currently a chief resident in his Orthopedic Surgery residency in Philadelphia. He and his wife Lynn were married in 1996. They will be moving down to Baltimore in August. He will be doing a one year Sports Medicine Fellowship at Johns Hopkins University Hospital and will be covering most Johns Hopkins teams and the Baltimore Orioles so if any alumni want tickets just drop him an email rmmsmd@webmd.com and he'll see what he can do!

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I start my column this issue, with news of great sadness. **David P. Benazzo** passed away April 10, 2000, of heart failure and was laid to rest on April 14 in his hometown of Stoneham. Please keep David and his family in your prayers. • **Cristin O'Hara** and Michael Sullivan were married on February 12, in Boston. • **Brian Fielding** has authored *Rooster: An American Tragedy*. The novel explores the mystery of curses and blessings from the perspective of an American painter afflicted with Hansen's disease. This novel can be purchased at all major bookstores and online at Amazon.com. Fielding lives in Rhode Island where he is writing a new novel. • **Kelly Wanser** has launched an Internet company, www.epidemic.com. There was an article in the money section of USA Today on November 22, describing her venture. Kelly lives and works in Denver. • **Laura Lee Picciano, MD** has recently completed her residency in internal medicine. Dr. Picciano is currently practicing at the Graduate Hospital in Philadelphia. • **Katie Boulos** and **Chris Gildea** were married on October 23, 1999, in Houston. Many members of our class attended including Mike Borgioli, John Doran, Mark and Michelle Walker, Tom and Maria Wilcox, Matt McGovern, Tony and Amy Munchak, Chris Novello, Jim Cramer, Sammy Consemi, Al

Riviezzo, and Don Reid. • **Stephen Comer** and wife Kathleen Cleary '91 reside in Lynnfield. Stephen is a director at Thomson Financial in Boston. • **Rob Abbanat's** firm, Engineered Multimedia, recently received \$500,000 in funding to propel the company's growth to the next level. EMI specializes in web-based sales, marketing and training solutions for complex engineering subject matter. • **Shannon Kilkenny** married Chris Holland in April of 1997. Shannon and Chris had their first child, Michael James, in December. • **Maleita Gousie** married Eric Olson in October 1999. Richard Smith, Michele Abadia, Laura Ciampa, Jen VanVliet, Tim Muldoon, and Tom Bremner participated in the liturgy. Eric is an associate comptroller at Drexel University. The couple lives in Philadelphia. • **Brian Dossie** joined FleetBoston Robertson Stephens in their Loan Syndication and Structuring Department in NYC. Brian and his wife had their first son, Matthew Shawn a year ago. • Enjoy your summer. Vacation postcards are accepted!

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Can you believe it is already football season! We have been out on our own for seven years now. Craziness! • **Maura Kelly** recently moved to Chicago and started a one-year reporting residency program at the *Chicago Tribune*. She covers general assignment stories around the city and suburbs. She lives in Lincoln Park, which is close to everything. She left Connecticut after working five and a half years at the *Waterbury Republican-American* newspaper (the last three years covering the state capitol). • **Steve Salhany** was recently hired as the technical services librarian at the Boston law firm of Choate, Hall & Stewart. He worked at the BC Law Library from 1993 till 2000. He received his MLS from Syracuse in May. You can drop him a line at ssalhany@choate.com. • **Thomas Hawes** is living in Orlando and working for Walt Disney World Resorts in the executive offices as a senior executive guest specialist. His duties involve responding to guests' concerns on behalf of company representatives, general managers, directors and executives. He

has been with Disney for the last seven years. • **Lisa Ferrari** recently received her MBA from Colorado University and also got engaged. Congrats, Lisa! • **Beth Shugrue** Crowley and Steve welcomed their new baby boy Brendan this past May. • **Phil Coppinger** moved back to Boston from San Antonio, TX to work at the law firm of Goodwin, Procter & Hoar LLP. Phil also recently got engaged to Larissa Murphy, whom he graduated BC Law with in 1998. They currently reside in Beacon Hill. • **Dani Sardella** Gosselin and Gary welcomed Anthony Paul this past March. • **Erin McGee Tuohy** and husband Brian had a beautiful baby girl on February 3 named Katherine Claire. They live in Connecticut. Erin is working in labor and delivery at Hartford Hospital and is teaching childbirth education courses. Brian is an outside salesman for an electro-mechanical component rep. firm. • **Judy Peck Ford, MD** is finishing residency at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. She plans to be a private internist at Newton-Wellesley hospital, for the Dedham Medical Group. • **Cara Russo** continues to work in New Jersey. She bought an apartment in Manhattan. • **Eileen O'Hara** is living outside Detroit, MI and working for the Ford Motor Company. • **Jeremy Whitaker** married Theresa Rohner in November 1997. They welcomed their first child, Samuel Robert, in July of 1999. Jeremy is a social studies teacher in Rockville, MD. Jeremy received his MED from BC in 1994. Teresa is an investment assistant at T. Rowe Price in Baltimore. She received her master's degree in finance from Loyola College in Baltimore in 1997. They reside in Columbia, MD. • **Leslie Coburn** married Christopher Long in August 1999 on Cape Cod. She is living in Pittsburgh PA teaching math. • **Stephanie Ruggiano** got married last summer to Christopher Hones. Her reception was at the BC Club in downtown Boston. Stephanie is finishing up her PhD at Boston University in math. • **Rose Gagnon** graduated from the Mass General Physical Therapy Program and recently passed her exam. Great job! • **Andrey (Wenda) Finkel** is engaged to Joseph McLaughlin. A July 2000 wedding is planned. They plan to move to California after the wedding. • **Jennifer Cotsidas** is engaged to Jean Francois Frenette. Their wedding is planned for June 2000 in Hawaii. • **Robin Kramich** also got married last September. Congratulations all!

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It is with sad regret I must inform you that our classmate **Jennifer Lightner** was killed in a tragic car accident on February 18th. Death in and of itself is devastating, but when it happens to one of our own we become stricken with unbelievable sadness. On behalf of the Class of '94, I send to the Lightner family our sincerest sympathy. • My sympathies must also be sent out to the Benazzo family. David Benazzo '92, brother of **Marco Benazzo** passed away on April 10, due to heart failure. We will all keep both families in our thoughts and prayers. It is extremely difficult to "just" report happenings in people's lives. Many things touch us in so many different ways. That is what I suppose they call the circle of life. • **Eddy and Katie (Lane) Arriola** had a baby boy, born October 6, 1999. Benjamin Lane Arriola is getting big and doing great. Eddy, claims Katie "retired" from her marketing job, but I'm sure she is on to bigger and better things. Eddy is currently an executive vice president for Inktel Direct. All three live in Miami, FL. • **Sean Dowling** married Ruthann Wright on July 17, 1999, at St. Ignatius. The couple is residing in Houston, TX. Sean is the South Central recruiting director for Renaissance Worldwide, Inc. where he has worked since graduating from BC. Ruthann is a senior HR specialist at Qwest Communications and is pursuing her MA in HR management. The couple hopes to move back to NE in 2001. • **Lisa Makowski** is pursuing a PhD in molecular biology at Harvard School of Public Health. Plans for marriage are underway to Dr. D. Neil Hayes for October 7 in GA. • **Patty Rigney** married Timothy Vale on August 19 in CT. Patty works for Aetna Financial Services as a Consultant in Hartford. Tim holds an MA in plastics engineering from UMass-Lowell and works for Plastics Gearing Company in Manchester, CT. The couple is residing in CT. • **Melissa Hegger** graduated BC Law School in December 1999. She is currently working as a law clerk for the New Hampshire Superior Court. Melissa will start a full-year clerkship in September at the Massachusetts Superior Court. Aside from studying, Melissa attended the wedding of

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Laura Magazu to Mark Waddell in October 1999. The couple now lives in Alpharetta, GA. • **Alex Houston** is an assistant director working for a nonprofit TV production house within the University of Maryland at Baltimore Medical School. Alex is involved in many documentaries which air on the Discovery Channel, The Learning Channel, HBO, as well as TLC. "King Gimp," a documentary film about Dan Keplinger, a physically disabled painter with cerebral palsy who challenges the world to get to know him through his art won an Oscar Nomination. Alex was an editor for this piece. If I'm not mistaken, I believe this piece won the Oscar. • I pray that we all are happy and healthy. Please remember to keep your spirit alive in every situation. Life is too short to get caught up in it all. Stop and smell the roses, for yourself and your loved ones.

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Sean Patrick Farrelly has announced his engagement to Kimberly Petrelli of Wethersfield, CT. A May 2001 wedding is planned in Connecticut. Both currently reside in Wethersfield. • **Valerie Zolezzi-Wyndham** is back in Boston as a first year law student at Boston University. Her husband Kevin Wyndham has completed his PhD in chemistry from the University of California, Irvine and has a new job in the Boston area. • From Atlanta, GA, Pamela Genovese '88, and her

husband **Ray Baltz** (GSOM '95) announce the birth of their son, Raymond Edward Baltz III, born on December 16. Raymond is also the grandson of Patricia Sgrosso Genovese '57, and her husband, Charles, now residing in Marietta, GA. • **Adrianne L. Swenda** has been very active internationally since graduation. In July 1995, she traveled around Bali and Indonesia. In October 1995, she left for Japan where she lived for two years. In January and February of 1998, she traveled around Vietnam, Australia, and New Zealand. In May 1998, she joined the Peace Corps where she has been living in Bungoma, Kenya. She is finishing her two years and three months in August 2000. She will return to the USA in December 2000, after travelling through South Africa. If anyone would like to contact her, her mailing address (until August 2000) is Adrienne L. Swenda, PO Box 2534, Bungoma, Kenya, East Africa. • **Cheryl Pederson** married Robert Maguire on April 29, 2000, in Bedford, NY. The couple lives in Canton and went to Hawaii and Las Vegas for their honeymoon. **Joanne Sayers** was a bridesmaid. • **Margarita (Rica) Goco** is currently residing in LA. She completed her MS in education at the University of Southern California in 1998 and is now teaching 1st grade in Glendale, CA. • **Sandy Schneible** left her post as director of marketing for Bare Bones Software in Bedford and has been living in Irvine, CA where she took a position with Altavista as the site producer for the shopping portion of their network. Send her Email at schneibs@home.com • **Allison Andres** and **Dave "Glasses" Umbricht** were married on October 30 on Hilton Head Island, SC. Bridal party members included Meg McSorley, Kim Reinert, Chris Noon, Derek Johnston, and John "Chachi" McInerney. Meghan O'Keefe was also involved in the wedding, and there were several other BC Eagles who attended! The wedding was a blast! Allison and Dave now live in Switzerland. Allison Umbricht @ge.ae.ch and umbrich@hotmail.com. • **Jason Mandell** moved out to San Francisco just over three years ago after living in Boston after graduation. He worked at Schwartz Communications, a public relations firm, for over four years in both Wellesley and in San Francisco. That was until a few months ago when he left the company along with two buddies and formed a new PR company called LaunchSquad, which specializes in launching brand new technology

companies. He would love for fellow grads to contact him at jason@launchsquad.com • **Deirdre "DeDe" Carroll** will graduate from Yale University with an MS in nursing. She completed a dual concentration program in psychiatry and internal medicine. Therefore, she is studying for her boards to become an adult nurse practitioner and a psychiatric clinical nurse specialist. She recently submitted her master's thesis to the faculty and is working on publishing her research. Her thesis is entitled "The Psychosocial and Clinical Characteristics of Patients Who Endorse Body Dysmorphic Disorder Symptoms in a General Medical Setting." After graduation DeDe will remain in New Haven and is considering pursuing her PhD studies at Yale. However, before she does this she is planning another volunteer healthcare trip to an under-served area. This time it will be the Cook Islands. Her last one was to the jungles of Brazil. By the way DeDe is very sorry she missed the reunion, but she will definitely be at our 10 year! • For those of you who made it the five year reunion please send your stories! Those of us who couldn't make the trip would love to hear all about the great times you enjoyed being back on campus! Please send your stories, we'd love to hear them!

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Greetings to the Class of '96! I hope all is going well with all of you. • **Elizabeth Ros** married Tom Norsworthy almost two years ago in Naples, Florida, where she is currently teaching elementary school. Classmate **Beth Jones** was a bridesmaid in the wedding. Beth is currently an RN at Dartmouth Medical Center in NH. Beth plans to marry Bob Munter in September, and will most likely move back to MA. • **Jen Kavanaugh**, who completed her master's degree in communications at Stanford in the spring of 1999, is currently a general assignment reporter at the *Palo Alto Weekly*. • **Marybeth Esposito**, **Karen Martin**, and **Diana Pisciotta** have been living together in Boston for the past two years. Karen is a researcher at Dennenn & Company, which is a

marketing and branding agency, and Marybeth is a grantwriter/researcher at Catholic Charities. Diana is the communications manager at Mass Insight, which is a public policy advocacy organization, where her focus is on educational reform issues. • **Mike Allen** and **Heather McGuire** became engaged this past July and are planning a September 16 wedding. **Cathy Dwyer**, **Melissa Hogan**, and **Alyssa Wright** will be bridesmaids. **Al Bakht** will be a groomsman. • **Edward Barnaby** and **Jacqueline Gecan** are getting married in December. **Lyle Underkoffler** and **Erika Klausz** were in engaged in La Jolla, CA and are planning a July wedding. **Danielle DiSpena** and **Nora Gleason** will be bridesmaids. Lyle is currently working for Deloitte Consulting in NY and is waiting for responses from business schools. • **Roxanne Valentino** is graduating from the Ohio State University College of Medicine in June, and will be starting a residency in neurology at the Cleveland Clinic. • **Gioconda Henriquez** got married to Fernando Cardoze '92 three years ago, on January 31, 1997. Gioconda and her husband recently had a gorgeous baby boy. • **Tara Kuehnle**, now Tara Camp, married Martin Camp on May 29, 1999, in New Hope, PA. Tara is currently pursuing her MBA at the University of Oklahoma. • **Holly Adorno** lives in Arlington and is a recruiter and recognition coordinator in personnel for the Boston Company. Holly also volunteers for the Jumpstart program for youth literacy. • **Marybeth Brennan** completed law school at St. John's University School of Law in NY. Marybeth recently moved to Washington DC, and is working as an attorney for Preston Gates Ellis. •

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Holly and fellow classmate **Trevor Magee** were married on August 21, 1999, in Quogue, NY. Trevor is attending medical school at George Washington University. • **Tina Butler** lives in Portsmouth, NH and is an internal auditor for Osram Sylvania, Inc. in Danvers. • **Teresa Kefalogiannis** is living in Manhattan where she owns and operates a gourmet coffee bar at Rockefeller Center. • **Jennifer Knoll** married James Kimbrough on October 17, 1998, in Savannah, GA, and is currently teaching special education at a middle school in Columbus, GA. • **Katherine Leary** married Marc Edenbach on November 20 in Newport, RI. Katherine is a CPA for Pricewaterhouse Coppers LLP in Boston. • **Anne Maxson** graduated from Boston College's School of Social Work in May 1999, and earned her LCSW. Anne is currently working for Wayside Youth and Family Support Network in Arlington where she does home-based therapy. • **Kathleen Mullen** graduated from Temple University Law School in May 1999, and is currently clerking for a federal judge in Philadelphia. • I am excited to complete my third and final year of law school and am anxiously awaiting my December wedding to Marty Pujolar in Seattle. • Have a wonderful fall!

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Hello again, Class of '98! I hope everyone has a wonderful summer. Unfortunately, not many of you wrote in for this issue. Please keep your letters coming. You can even e-mail me at mistie.psaledas@genmills.com. I look forward to hearing from you. • **Tom Merigan** moved to California after graduation to pursue a career as a singer and songwriter. He has been working as a session musician to pay the bills while he waits for his big break. A song he wrote entitled "Destination Dreamland" was performed by Flaming Lips and is being

used on an upcoming episode of *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*. • **Andrew Kissell** and **Julie Travitz** were recently engaged and are planning a summer 2001 wedding. Congratulations! Julie received her MS from Brandeis University in May of '99 and is now a genetic counselor at the University of Chicago. Andrew is currently studying at Marquette University School of Dentistry. • **Mary Dawson** and **Guido Jaques** were also engaged and will be married in the summer of 2001. Mary is a reading specialist in Boston and Guido is a field engineer on the "Big Dig." • As for myself, I have moved again with General Mills in April, this time to Minneapolis, MN. I am now a senior promotions planner for all of our child cereals. I am training to (hopefully) run the Twin Cities Marathon in October.

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Over a year has gone by since our graduation day, and I have heard over and over again how people cannot believe how fast it has gone. Some who had moved away for a year are already moving back; Some have received a master degree; And some are even on to their second job, or have changed career paths. Despite what we have all done, the consensus is "where did the year go." It is hard to believe that we can no longer say that we just graduated this past year. • Boston has been nice, with all of the familiar BC faces. I am always amazed with how many of the class of 1999 live within a few square miles of each other. Even after a year, I am still running into people who I did not know lived near by. Hence, it is important for us all to somehow get word out there of where we are living. Send me a note and let me and the rest of our classmates know where you can be found. I love receiving all of the mail that I do. So, onto the updates: **Jeff White** has been accepted into the graduate journalism program at Boston University. Currently he is the education editor at a Connecticut newspaper. He will start school in September. **Kate Monahan** has been busy attending the University of Virginia studying to get her master's in accounting. At the same time she is managing to work full time for Ernst & Young in Boston.

Tara Krissik just got engaged to **Christopher Ferragamo '97**. Their wedding date has been set for July 28, 2001. Congratulations! **Kristen Turick**, is living in her home state of Connecticut, working in Bristol as a reporter for the Bristol Press. She has been busy traveling to England and Ireland where her sister, **BC class of 2001**, was studying abroad. **Jodie Moule** is living and working in Salt Lake City for a sports nutrition supplements and vitamins company. She is handling their advertising and marketing communications factions. **Sean Irwin** received his masters in education from Boston College. He has taken a position as a History teacher at BC High. **Melissa Mirabile** has been working for Sterling Hager of Boston, a public relations firm, as an account coordinator since graduation. She was recently promoted to Account Executive in the company. Congratulations! **Connie Soroka** is finishing up her masters at the University of Pennsylvania. She is getting married on November 4th of this year. Congratulations! Everyone I have heard from mentioned that they miss BC and everyone there. I, of course, do as well. So don't forget to write me and let me know how you are. Take care all!

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John Downey '60 recently retired after 30 years with the US Department of the Treasury where he was the deputy comptroller of the currency and chief national bank examiner of the United States, regulating the national banks in this country. For the last ten years, John was the executive director of the office of thrift supervision, the agency formed to reestablish the savings and loan industry. In retirement, John spends time as a director of a \$2 billion financial service holding company in Delaware and its banking subsidiaries. Hope you enjoy retirement, John. • **Bert Gardner '67** of Long Beach, CA has chosen the most desirable place to live in Los Angeles

County. Any one who needs any help in real estate, please feel free to call (562) 433-5721. • **Karen Warren '88** married John Warren on July 24, 1999, at the Dunes Club in Narragansett, RI. John is chairman and CEO of the Washington Trust Co. of Westerly, RI and Karen is SVP of investor relations at State Street, BSN. Karen's two daughters graduated from college in May 1999. Colleen graduated from University of Connecticut and Sandra graduated from University of Massachusetts. Karen, best wishes and congratulations to you and your husband. Also, congratulations to both of your daughters. • **Janice Drummy '89** recently accepted a position as a senior project financial analyst with American Science and Engineering, Inc. in Billerica. The company is a world renowned leader in X-ray detection technology within the government and commercial markets. Also, Janice has been appointed as a notary public for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Good luck, Janice on your promotion. • **Donna Taverna '91** completed a master's in management of human services from the Heller School at Brandeis University in February 2000. Donna is a member of HELM-Higher Education Legal Managers Organization, which grew out of NACUA (National Association of College and University Attorneys). Currently, Donna is employed at Brandeis University and works in the general counsel's office. Congratulations, Donna. • **Annis Abraham '93** married Daniel Hoaglund in July 1999. She is employed as chief financial officer at Abraham Properties, Inc. in Boston. Congratulations on your recent wedding, Annise. • **Joan Landry '98** is pursuing a master's in education with a concentration in special education. Joan is working as a teacher's aide in special education in the Medfield Public Schools. Good luck, Joan. • **Nico Abraham '99** has joined his family's real estate development company and is now vice president in charge of construction for the stor/gard self storage company of Boston.

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Thomas R. Bernier '73 was married April 8, near Tucson, Arizona, in a traditional Navajo ceremony to L. Jan Kennedy. Tom has sold the home health care agency he developed and operated and is doing freelance consulting work. Tom and Jan live in Charlottesville, Virginia, and "snowbird" to Tempe, Arizona in winter. They can be reached year round at: tbsb440@aol.com. •

Lawland W. Long '87 and his wife Veronica Yip proudly welcomed their first child, Kali Ann, on Mother's Day 2000. In August, Lawland will start as CEO of Xanthos located in Alameda, CA. The Longs live in Lafayette, CA and would love to hear from classmates in the area.

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Attention Class of 1990: Get ready for your 10th reunion. Committee Chairs Marypat English Mulholland, Elizabeth Frawley and Cheryl Farmer Hartley are planning a fun weekend for the fall of 2000. Watch your mailboxes for more details or contact the GSOM Alumni Relations Office at gsom.alumni@bc.edu or 617-552-4479. •

George Griffin '91 was recently named Production Director for Boston based marketing firm, Direct Results Group.

• **Sue Griffin Hawk '92** is the Manager of Special Projects for Titan Systems Corporation in Burlington. Sue and her husband Joe live in Groton with their son Benjamin, 2. They are expecting another son in mid-July 2000. •

John Tagliamonte '96 writes that he is the Manager of Business Development at Perkin Elmer in Wellesley. John and his wife Abbey, live in Auburndale with their son William. •

Matthew O'Connor '97 has moved to Kansas City MO to work at Deloitte Consulting. •

GSOM Prof. Dal Fisher '63, completed his 5th Boston Marathon this year! Dal's run was inspired by his fundraising efforts of over \$3000 for the Boston College Campus School, which provides education for students with multiple disabilities. Other GSOM alumni

spotted conquering Heartbreak Hill were **Deborah Bernstein '98** of Pricewaterhouse Coopers and **Suzie Sergi '98**, of Arthur Andersen. **Peter Hogan '98**, recently completed the 100 mile America's Most Beautiful Ride in Lake Tahoe, CA, while raising funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Pete is practicing corporate and securities law for Internet and high-tech companies for Allen Matkins Leck Gamble & Mallory LLP in Los Angeles.

• **Leigh Breitman Hurd '99** found time in her busy schedule at FleetBank to run in the Suzuki Rock N' Roll Marathon in San Diego. Seen at the 1st annual BC MBA 5k Challenge on April 8th were **Marcia Schiavoni '99**, as well as **Fershid Aspi '96** and **Tom Carr '92** who finished 1st and 2nd in the alumni category. Dal Fisher, '63 also placed 1st in the faculty category. Congratulations to our GSOM athletes!

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thought to be of little worth, an illusion.

And yet there were romantic moments for them. A vain lieutenant in the Hussars, whose debts caused him to be banished to his aunt's manor for three months, chanced to see Martine while he was horseback riding, and he instantly fell in love with the idea of the higher, purer life she so attractively seemed to offer. She was largely imaginary to him, of course, a projection of all he was not; and he may have been a soldierly fantasy for Martine, who was curious about, if not excited by, the intensity of his interest. But in the end she saw Lorens Lowenheilm walk away with a cold if chivalrous good-bye. "I have learned here that life is hard and cruel," he said, "and that in this world there are things that are impossible." Lorens would go off and marry a lady-in-waiting to Queen Sophia, wear a monocle, recite high-sounding pieties, and rise in rank and importance in the Royal Swedish Court. Whereas Martine would stay in the village, doing the things she'd always done, sharing a bedroom with her sister; and if she did not pine for the handsome lieutenant, she did remember him with nostalgia and silent pleasure.

Filippa was wooed by Monsieur Achille Papin, an *artiste lyrique* who left the Royal Opera in Stockholm to vacation in the silence and vacancy of the Jutland coast, but was so stunned at hearing Filippa's gorgeous singing in church that he introduced himself to the Dean and offered his services as a voice coach, saying she was a diva who'd have Paris at her feet. Although concerned that Achille was a Roman Catholic, a Papist, Filippa's father consented, but worriedly listened with Martine as the singers joined in an insouciant duet about passion and desire. Filippa did not betray her father. Seemingly flustered by the tenor's flattery and her own unfamiliar sexual feelings, and all too aware that the success Achille wanted for her would only constitute a loss to the village and the common good, she sacrificed her still-incipient artistic aspirations and satisfied the Dean by announcing she wished to discontinue her singing lessons. The grocer with whom the Frenchman was staying gladly delivered the message, and Achille exited their world with the maudlin sigh, "Good-bye, my life, my heart, my hopes."

The softness of touch in this first act is wonderful. It all could have gone so wrong. The father could have been one of those hellhound men of religion that the movies have been giving us in

Crayola colors ever since *Elmer Gantry* and *Night of the Hunter*. Martine could have been jilted and pregnant, and Filippa could have run off with Achille in some corny variant on *A Star Is Born*. Even without the sensationalism that some screenwriters are prey to, there could have been those errors of judgment, stress, and psychological analysis that actors too often fall into: their own anger, pain, and manias seething anachronistically through 19th-century characters who would be, and are, far more serene with their lot.

We have the holiness and gracefulness of Martine and Filippa in old age as evidence that theirs is not a hackneyed story of wasted talent, sexual repression, or that old domineering dad we stew so much about. Rather, it is about balance, harmony, and prayerful consciousness, with freedom and boundaries, desire and discipline, joy and sorrow equally distributed for them as they are for everyone. When I first saw *Babette's Feast* I was cautiously waiting for one of those shammed and cynical moments to spoil it, and part of the lift I felt when I left this sweetest of films was in the realization that director Gabriel Axel and his actors were so reasonable, restrained, and respectful of the usualness of life.

The second act of *Babette's Feast* begins with a sound bridge and a darkening, and the film leaps ahead to a rainstorm on a September night in 1871. We see a hooded woman struggle and tilt forward through the muck of a village street. Either a waif or a figure of death, she knocks at the door of the now much older sisters, is invited in, and seems to faint on their couch. Reading her letter of introduction from Monsieur Achille Papin, they find out that Madame Babette Hersant, like the Empress, has been forced to flee Paris due to civil war. "She, herself, narrowly escaped the blood-stained hands of General Gallifet," Achille writes. Imagining Filippa's world as child-filled, happy, and full of honors—she twinges with the sting of that irony as she hears it—he writes of his own loneliness and lost fame, and insists it was Filippa who chose the better path in life. She secretly wonders. Consoling himself as well as her, Achille writes, "In Paradise I shall hear your voice again. There you will forever be the great artist God intended you to be. Oh, how you will enchant the angels!" And then, in comic understatement, his letter concludes with the laconic postscript, "Babette knows how to cook."

Babette agrees to work for no wages, saying, "If you won't let me serve you, I will simply die." She

seems to mean she needs their food and shelter, but the film will finally require us to give emphasis to the gravity of that word "serve." We see it the next morning as Martine schools their servant in soaking their stale bread in ale and softening a filet of cod that looks like the sole of a shoe. We'll learn later that Babette is a culinary genius, yet she now neither winces nor worries at their cuisine, but calmly takes it all in. She is kin to those stoic missionaries who eat and drink whatever is set before them.

Babette gradually learns the Danish language. She learns to haggle with the fishmonger, to gently criticize the grocer for selling her rancid bacon. As she pensively strolls along a jade green hillside at sundown—one golden, luminous frame was used for the movie poster—we notice that the palette has changed, the wintry tones of the film's first act having given way to rich pastel shades of peach and saffron. She's the image of dignity and self-knowledge. She imitates the sisters, whose Christian crosses ride on their chests, but she wears the Catholic form of the sacramental, with Christ crucified on it, and we have to decide for ourselves if it's an ecumenical act of solidarity or one of silent opposition. She may be miserable in this Jutland village, but she's mute about it. Even her lovely face is difficult to read: Is she just naturally solemn, or is she indeed forlorn? And we wonder if anyone in the village has thought to ask.

In voice-over an old narrator who is meant to sound like Isak Dinesen informs us that 14 years have passed since Babette joined the minister's daughters, so it's 1885—the year, interestingly, of Karen Blixen's birth. The congregation is not only older but comically cantankerous, and without the late Dean's prophetic vision and stern governance they have only a crabbed and remembered form of religion, not its substance, and they're now wrecking their weekly conferences with pettiness, strife, and recriminations.

To heal their differences, Martine announces the dinner to honor the Dean's hundredth birthday. And, in the way of tales, in just the same week, Babette learns she's won 10,000 francs in the French lottery. The sisters try to be happy about Babette's good fortune, but they presume she'll now leave them, just as have the men with whom they've been affectionate. But Babette has yet to say what she'll do. She goes to the seashore to give it some thought, and, in a nice visual metaphor for prayer, the camera tracks a white gull skinning just above the North Sea. Quickly deciding, she strides purposefully back to the house and, squeezing the cru-

cifix at her neck, she asks the sisters one favor: "I would like to prepare the celebration dinner for the minister's birthday by myself."

She orders the ingredients from France and we watch the food and drink arriving in all their luxurious plenitude: a slat cage holding nervous quail; caviar, perhaps, in an oblong block of ice; a slowly blinking sea turtle; a box of fragile glassware; a case of grand cru Clos de Vougeot that has aged 40 years.

Seeing the exorbitance, Martine is troubled enough that she has a hellish nightmare that unites in a comic, excessive way the fatted calf of the Bible, a pen-and-ink drawing of the grim reaper, and a vision of blood-red wine spilling from a tankard as a drunk falls face-down on a dinner table. Waking, Martine connects Babette's proposed feast with sensuality, evil powers, and the makings of a witch's Sabbath, and she privately instructs the congregation to negate their senses and give the food and drink no attention, a *via negativa* that already seems to have been central to their religious practice.

Eleven from the village are guests at the feast. The twelfth guest is General Lorens Lowenheilm, now an eminence in the Royal Swedish Court whom we find in the manor of the aged aunt he is visiting. Adjusting a monocle in his left eye, he quotes Ecclesiastes as he tells himself in the mirror, "Vanity. All is vanity." And then he turns and sees himself as the lovesick young Hussar he once was. "I have found everything you dreamed of and satisfied your ambition, but to what purpose?" he asks himself. "Tonight we two shall settle our score. You must prove to me that the choice I made was the right one."

Meanwhile, Babette is cooking, and cinematographer Henning Kristiansen's camera cherishes each confident touch of food preparation, noticing in the once-stark kitchen colors that are now as vivid and opulent as in a Caravaggio: red meats, magenta wine, the jet black beads of spooned caviar, steaming copper cauldrons and skillets, Babette's auburn hair; and, in the dining room, a snow-white tablecloth, shining crystal, and the silver cutlery and candlesticks she has purchased for the occasion.

Upon arrival, the faithful of the sect join hands in the parlor to sing yet again a hymn we have heard many times, but that they seem not to have listened to: "Jerusalem, my heart's true home/ Your name is ever dear to me/ Your kindness is second to none/ You keep us clothed and fed/ Never would you give a stone/ to the child who begs for bread."

And then they go warily into the dining room, wanting, it would seem, stones. Shocked by the ex-

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travagance as they begin their first course, one of the faithful whispers, “Remember . . . we have lost our sense of taste.”

A gray-bearded villager agrees, “Like the wedding at Cana. The food is of no importance.”

Cana, near Nazareth, was the location of a post-wedding feast in the Gospel account of John (2:1–11), in which the mother of Jesus informs her son that the host has run out of wine, and Jesus graciously turns the water in six stone jars into the finest wine the steward has tasted. The old villager is right: Food is never mentioned in that Gospel passage. But there’s something crucially wrong with the interpretation that the food and the wine are of no importance, only the miracle, the sign. It’s an anti-incarnational sentiment that ignores Mary and her son’s solicitude for the host’s sudden embarrassment—though a good deal of wine must have been consumed there already—and strangely implies that the natural world that God brought into being is in some way an impediment to achieving the joys of heaven. *Babette’s Feast* will say otherwise.

General Lowenheim has no such misgivings about the good things in life, and is gratified to have been served the finest amontillado he’s ever tasted, real turtle soup, perfectly fashioned blinis demidoff, and an 1860 Veuve Clicquot Champagne that the villagers seem to think is a variety of lemonade. Stunned by the magnificent quality of the feast, and hearing stories of the Dean’s wisdom and miracles, the general intrudes on the villagers’ mild reminiscences to narrate one of his own: that of a memorable dinner with some French officers at the Café Anglais in Paris at which the head chef served them a dish of her own creation, calilles en sarcophage. And he mentions that General Gallifet, his host, told him that the head chef could trans-



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form a dinner into a love affair in which no distinction was made between the sensual and spiritual appetites. Seemingly unaware of the irony, Lorens goes on to say that General Gallifet—the man, we recall, who executed Babette’s husband and son—swore that the head chef at the Café Anglais was the only woman he’d consider shedding his blood for. She was the greatest culinary genius. And then Lorens smiles down at the quail in a pastry shell they

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Axel devotes 19 minutes—nearly one-fifth of the film—to Babette's haute cuisine, intercutting between the sheer pleasure of the diners, whose differences are mending under the influence of the meal, and the sheer labor of Babette, who seems content to practice her art without congratulation. It's enough for her to get grins and swooning looks of ecstasy from the carriage driver who brought the general and his aunt, and who sits in the kitchen with Babette, hungrily sampling things and helping by grinding coffee beans.

Right after the enjoyment of the grapes that are meant to cleanse the palate, the general is so transfixed by the generosity and art of this foretaste of the heavenly banquet that he chimes his wineglass and stands to offer a toast. Sharing with the other guests the clarity and self-forgiveness seemingly induced in him by the graciousness of Babette's feast, Lorens echoes Kierkegaard when he indicates that, ideally, faith and ethics, plenty and discipline, love and responsibility are joined. Earlier he'd asked his aunt, "Could many years of victories result in defeat?" Now he realizes that God is much larger than the grudging bookkeeper he'd imagined. We all have anxieties about what we choose to do in life, he says, but our choice is of less importance once we realize that God's mercy is infinite, and that whatever we have sacrificed—whether it be marriage, children, artistic success, or career—will be given back to us in this world or the next. We

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are now eating. "This is calilles en sarcophage!"

Yet Lorens is so self-involved, and possibly disdainful of the hinterlands of Denmark, that he never questions who the chef in this kitchen is; nor do the villagers now give recognition to the author of the feast, though the general has given them good reason to take pride in their friend Babette.

need only await mercy in confidence and receive it in gratitude.

Here the general gets it. The feast has converted him. Just as he educated the other guests on the etiquette of spooning the sauce of blinis demidoff or crunching the cranium of a quail to suck out its sweet brain, he educates the villagers in an unimaginable forgiveness, and encourages them to see this exquisite feast, this sinful indulgence they so worried about, as a sign of God's magnificent love and grace.

Retiring to a parlor for postprandial Champagne and coffee, the jolly guests exchange blessings as Filippa sits at the piano and sings a lullaby about nighttime and rest that is especially apt for the old: "The sand in our hourglass will soon run out/ The day is conquered by the night/ The glories of the world are ending/ So brief their day, so swift their flight/ God, let Thy brightness ever shine/ Admit us Thy mercy divine."

At song's end, Lorens and his aunt rise to go home, and the others join them. As Martine shows them to the door—holding, as in a wedding, a flaming white candle between them—she hesitates with the general, and in a medium close-up that recalls the lovesick lieutenant's good-bye to her many years earlier, Lorens now says, "I have been with you every day of my life. Tell me you know that."

She nods and says yes, and we understand just how much secret pleasure she's taken in memories of him.

Lorens declares that from this night forward he will dine with her, not with his body, which is unimportant, but with his soul. "Because this evening I have learned, my dear, that in this beautiful world of ours all things are possible." Precisely the opposite of what he'd stated as a gloomy young man.

Martine gently nods, and he kisses her hand before solemnly leaving, saying not a word to the cook.

Walking out into the cold, starlit night, the tipsy sisters and brothers of the congregation hold hands and sing a children's lullaby as they dance around the village well. And then Martine and Filippa find their way to the kitchen to thank Babette for the "very good" dinner. Sitting there alone and silent, her elbows on her thighs, Babette seems haggard but content in a job well done. Receiving the sisters' naive praise, she seems to remember other nights of adulation long ago in France, and confirms that she overheard Lorens as he talked of her enemy, Gallifet, by revealing what she's kept secret thus far, that she was once the head chef at the Café Anglais. She says nothing about the emotions she must have felt as she served the friend of her hus-

band and son's executioner. She just goes into the dining room to clear the table, where she shocks the sisters by saying she won't be returning to Paris, for the people she knew there are dead, and anyway she spent all the lottery money on the feast. "Dinner for 12 at the Café Anglais costs 10,000 francs."

The sisters are aghast that she's given all she owned for them, but she smiles and answers it was not just for them.

"Now you'll be poor the rest of your life," Martine says.

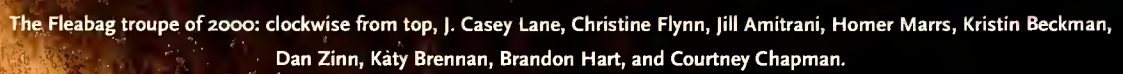
"An artist is never poor," Babette says, and she quotes Achille Papin: "Throughout the world sounds one long cry from the heart of the artist: Give me the chance to do my very best."

"But this is not the end, Babette," says Filippa. "I'm certain it is not." She recalls Achille's consoling statement about the singing career she'd given up as she says, "In Paradise you will be the great artist that God meant you to be." Eyes welling with tears, she hugs Babette as she says, "Oh, how you will delight the angels!"

Babette's Feast can be looked at in a purely secular way as a glorious testimony to artistic passion and the intoxicating effect that the fine arts can have on those who have learned to pay attention. But it is also a highly metaphorical representation of liturgy, of the Christian recognition of God's graciousness, for which thanksgiving is offered in our eucharistic celebrations. Babette is, in many ways, a Christ figure, a mysterious sojourner in the village who forsakes her heritage and becomes a common servant until she hosts a Last Supper for 12 disciples in which their hungers and longings find satisfaction.

Religious faith enriches *Babette's Feast*, but is not necessary for its esteem, for in plainer terms Blixen's tale and Axel's film are masterpieces of awareness, of seeing into the middle of things, of saying yes to existence and the exaltations of art.

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Free Play

THE DISTINCTLY
UNOFFICIAL IMPROV
COMEDY TROUPE
MY MOTHER'S FLEABAG
TURNED 20
THIS YEAR—SORT OF

O'Connell House, a Welsh-Tudor mansion built in the 19th century as a private home for the Liggett family, of pharmaceutical fortune, is perhaps the stateliest building on the BC campus. It houses the graduate-student center and serves as the backdrop for the most elegant of undergraduate social events—the black-tie Breaking the Barriers faculty-student ball and the annual Middlemarch costume ball. One night a year, however, the mansion's Edwardian formality gives way to mayhem.

Students erect a makeshift stage in the reception hall, in front of the grand winged staircase leading to the balcony. Yelling, clapping,

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whistling, whooping, stomping kids pack the hall's enormous hardwood floor so densely that the cavernous space feels as close as a sauna, and alumni in the balcony fuel the frenzy until the decibel level becomes deafening.

For a select few, on this night a bond is cemented with a sort of Krazy Glue that even the solvent of Life After College may never remove. They are the improv-comedy paratroopers My Mother's Fleabag, and for them, this one wild night is the culmination of a year's hard play. It's their "Big Show."

This year's Big Show, on April Fool's weekend, was even bigger than usual, since it marked the "official" 20th anniversary of what is believed to be the longest-running college improv group in the country.

Using the word "official" in connection with Fleabag, as it's known to cognoscenti, is a stretch: Officially, the group does not exist. It has no academic adviser and is not university-sponsored. On the radar screen of the Office of the Dean of Student Development, which funds and oversees student groups, Fleabag is like an enemy plane buzzing the periphery of the no-fly zone—worth keeping an eye on, but not worth shooting down.

And Fleabag's history is decidedly informal, usually passed down at a party. Though memories of the early days have grown increasingly sketchy, dogged pursuit of a long chain of alumni finally yielded the Ur-Fleabagger, the group's founder and first director, Alison Martin '80. Now an actress working in Los Angeles, Martin says the group is more like 22 years old. "It had to have started in '78 or '79," she says, "because I did it once or twice, and I graduated in '80."

But what's a couple of years in the life of a legend?

Though every Big Show draws its share of screaming alumni—it's a Fleabag tradition to re-

turn annually until everyone you performed with has graduated—this spring dozens turned up, from as far away as San Francisco. And as the four men and five women of the troupe of 2000 prepared for the onslaught, they were well aware that the event would be part of Fleabag mythology for years to come.

Backstage Friday night, before the first of four weekend performances, elated Fleabaggers changed clothes and put on makeup, laughing, teasing, hugging, jumping up and down, socking one another on the shoulder now and again.

"I don't usually get butterflies," said Dan Zinn '03, a lanky freshman. "But all these alumni are coming, and they're going to be looking, like, Oh, these are the new people. Kind of looking us over to see how good we are. That makes me a little nervous."

Kristin Beckman '01 spoke faster than her slight New Orleans drawl normally allows. "I'm not really nervous," she said, "but I do think there's extra pressure because it's the 20th anniversary."

"Not really pressure," said Jill Amitrani '01, "but I want to do really well."

Brandon Hart '00, one of this year's codirectors, slouched in a wooden chair chewing on a pen and gazing at his feet. "And guys, speaking of pressure," he said, looking up. "Do you know how diamonds are made?"

For the uninitiated, a primer: My Mother's Fleabag is a small band of lunatic performers who take over the stage with no script in hand and create spur-of-the-moment comedy based on suggestions from the audience.

In a routine called "185," for example, the crowd is asked to fill in the blank in the following joke: "A



hundred and eighty-five *blanks* walk into a bar. The bartender says, 'We don't serve *blanks* here,' and the *blanks* say. . . ."

Filling in the blank, of course, is the easy part. Filling in the punchline is what the Fleabaggers do, in such rapid succession it seems almost instinctual. "A hundred and eighty-five chopsticks walk into a bar. The bartender says, 'We don't serve chopsticks here,' and the chopsticks say. . . ."

" . . . Hey, that's lo, mein."

" . . . Can't you give us a little heart and soul?"

" . . . Well, we're going to go get our lawyer, and he'll be suey."

" . . . Oh yeah? Fork you."

"Five Things in Four Minutes" is charades on speed. But instead of book or movie titles, the audience supplies nonsensical phrases for two Fleabaggers to act out and one to guess—phrases like "Playing tiddledywinks with Tootie from *Facts of Life* at McElroy" and "Selling the women's rugby team on eBay."

Fleabag rehearsals are even more confusing. In a customized game of tag, for instance, you become "it" when you cannot think fast enough to come up with, say, "kinds of monsters" (answers like "dot-com" and "My father—just kidding" count). In "Sardines," the inverse of hide-and-seek, one person hides and the others go look for him until eventually, the whole group is hiding. In "Variations," an old wooden ladder becomes library shelves, a hopscotch game, a rowing shell, Shaquille O'Neal's crutch.

But what looks like the random play of a renegade bunch of adult children is, in fact, anything but random.

"Improv is one of the oldest theater forms out there," says Ron Jones, who was a Fleabagger from 1986 to 1990, and is now the director of Improv

Boston in Cambridge. In 15th-century Italy's *comedia del arte*, he explains, an ensemble troupe of itinerant players would arrive in a town, learn what was going on, and play out the local issues. "It was wildly successful," says Jones. "People would go to see it because it was their theater. Here are all these actors who are talking about our world, and it's funny."

Jones points out that though improv has a long theatrical tradition, its modern incarnation came about only in the past half century or so. It started with Viola Spolin, whom Jones calls "the grande dame of improv." Spolin (1906–94) was a theater educator, director, and actress who served as the drama supervisor for the Chicago branch of the Works Progress Administration's Recreational Project from 1939 to 1941. "Viola developed a bunch of games while working with WPA kids who came from very different cultures and often didn't share a common language," Jones says. "Her games helped them find their commonality."

According to the Website for the Spolin Center, an improv training ground in North Bend, Washington, the exercises were later formalized into theater games, "simple, operational structures that transform complicated theater conventions and techniques into game forms. Each game is built upon a specific focus or technical problem, and . . . militates against the artifice of self-conscious acting."

Spolin's son, Paul Sills, began using her techniques with a little theater group he helped found in Chicago called Second City.

"The original cast included Elaine May and Mike Nichols," says Jones. "And from that nut, improv troupes started popping up around the country, everyone using the same basic principles:

"It takes a certain amount of abandon," says one former Fleabagger. Warm-up exercises include lining up on the floor and rolling over one another.





Every Big Show ends with a comic opera; this year, it was *Jurassic Park* sung to the tunes of '80s girl groups.

empowerment through personal theater and self-expression." Second City went on to produce Dan Ackroyd, John Belushi, Ed Asner, Peter Boyle, Alan Arkin.

"The list is so thoroughly impressive," says Jones, "that it makes you want to holler."

Fleabaggers, like the WPA kids Viola Spolin worked with, come from very different cultural niches. Of this year's troupe, Zinn, a future doctor, has the laid-back aspect of a surfer dude; the pretty and popular Beckman was a cheerleader in high school; Amitrani is a sensitive and idealistic human-development major; Courtney Chapman '02 is a sharp, enthusiastic Connecticut preppy; Katy Brennan '01, a brainy marketing and theater major, plans to finish college in three years; J. Casey Lane '01 brings to mind a ruddy-cheeked good ol' boy; and Christine Flynn '00 is friendly, artsy, vaguely rebellious. They started as a disparate bunch and somehow crossed the boundaries of stereotype to

make Fleabag their primary college clique.

Nowhere are the kinds of attachments formed in the group more evident than in the relationship between Brandon Hart, a self-described smart-ass whose cool cynicism is reminiscent of "Friend" Chandler Bing's, and Homer Marrs '00, a live wire who comes off as sweet, trusting, and perhaps even a tad naive. The two, who say they never would have met but for Fleabag, have been roommates since sophomore year, despite what Hart calls their "very contrasting personalities and interests."

Talking about their friendship before a February rehearsal in Gasson Hall, Marrs gushes: "Brandon's just a big ray of sunshine in the form of a person. He's just a hug waiting to happen."

"Homer's not," Hart responds, suppressing a smile. "I can definitely say he adds nothing to the group. Or to life in general."

"I'm definitely the louder of the two," says Marrs. "I talk before I think." When asked about his interests, he replies seriously, "poetry, guitar, improv." He pauses, then adds, "Long walks on the beach and a man who cries."

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ADDS. "ONE THAT'S ON THE THE VERGE OF DIVORCE." "AND FLEABAG'S LIKE OUR CHILD."

That elicits a chuckle and a sidelong glance from ladies' man Hart, who notes if it hadn't been for Fleabag, "I would've hated you."

"I would've hated you, too." Big laugh.

"We bicker back and forth all the time," Hart says. "People think we're like a married couple. But not a healthy married couple."

"Yeah," Marris adds. "One that's on the verge of divorce."

"And Fleabag's like our child."

Watching the nine Fleabaggers rehearse—which they do at least six hours a week, and six hours a *night* the week before the Big Show—is like sitting in on a warm and fuzzy family reunion that periodically degenerates into a dysfunctional family counseling session. As Amitrani once put it, "I just came from [a class in] abnormal psychology, and now I'm living it."

There are warm-up exercises and practice improv, all executed with giggly abandon. And there is the crucial task of writing the songs and working out the costumes for this year's opera: *Jurassic Park* sung to the tunes of '80s girl groups. But mostly there is a lot of seemingly irrelevant chatter and the kind of ribbing bordering on torment that often occurs between brothers and sisters.

And, like brothers and sisters, the group exhibits an easy physicality. Beckman curls up with her head on Marris's chest; on the small couch beside them, in the same position, sit Lane—who, with Beckman, will direct next year—and Chapman. Or the six-foot-five-inch Marris does cartwheels around the room and Amitrani practices her karate kicks as Hart and Zinn mock-beat each other until Flynn breaks it up.

At some rehearsals it seems as though nothing productive at all is getting done. But that, it turns out, is precisely the point. "The preparation part is hanging out with your friends and getting to know how they're going to react," says Chapman.

"So you know who you click with," Zinn adds. "You know, like, if I bring out Homer onstage it's going to be a little more zany, and if I bring out Brandon he'll be more sarcastic."

According to Beckman, "It's about interacting with the group and relying on the other people in it to help you out if you get stuck. One of the most important things is learning your personal dynamic with each of the other people in the group. You have to know what someone's going to say in the instant before they say it."

One of Fleabag's mottoes is "Trust plus energy equals excited queerness"—excited queerness being the goal of any improv stage performance. One alumna summed up that trust as the feeling that "you can look that person in the eye onstage and know they're going to travel with you, that they're not going to abandon you."

But traveling together, in this case, entails not only supporting one another, but also building upon one another's thoughts and actions until each improv coheres into a narrative that the audience can follow to its most illogical conclusion.

"It's the study of 'yes, and'-ing," says Alison Martin, the original Fleabagger. "Those two words—'yes, and'—are the basis of improv. And if you live your life like that, you'll have a happier life. Because you're in agreement with the world, and you're also adding to it. Try it. Living with the motto 'yes, and' gives you things you cannot imagine."

Perhaps the ultimate example of "yes, and" is Fleabag itself. "I can't believe it's still going on," Martin says. Seven or eight years ago, when she received a phone call from a cast member telling her of the group's continued existence, "I said to the guy, 'You must be mistaken.' I couldn't even make sense of that. I said, 'How could it go on

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when none of us are there?' And then I realized it's not mine. It's its own thing."

When Martin, who majored in theater, arrived at BC in the mid-'70s—around the time *Saturday Night Live* was making its debut and Monty Python was becoming a household name—she had dreams of doing a sketch show, but found no outlet on campus. "They wouldn't let you do it through the theater department," she says, "because they were doing, like, Moliere."

Setting the tone for Fleabaggers to come, Martin forged ahead without official sanction, but with a little help from her friends.

"It was me and this kid named Barry, this red-haired guy who lived in O'Connell House," she says, "and a guy named Nick. And I said, Why don't we just do it in O'Connell House? Anyone who comes to the meeting can do it, and it'll be just all the loose, goofy, weird things we can do in an hour and a half." They placed a small classified ad in the school newspaper, and were astonished at the response.

"We thought no one would come," she says, "and it was huge. We got a great reception. Everyone just invited their friends, and by the second or third night O'Connell House was packed. The audience was screaming. It got so loud we all blew out our voices."

That first show might have been Fleabag's last, were it not for a very unfunny thing that happened the next year.

"One of the founding members died," says Martin. "Nick. It was terrible. That's why we did it the second year, for Nick."

Mary Timpany '83 also remembers the event as a turning point: "One of the reasons I wanted the group to continue was that after Nick died, we were all devastated. And once we had got one show past Nick's death, I think we really felt it just had to continue."

Perhaps part of the reason the Fleabaggers closed ranks after that tragedy, rather than disbanding, is that Nick was so representative of the kind of students the group attracted, and continues to attract.

"I think a lot of people in My Mother's Fleabag felt like outsiders," Martin says. "I know Nick felt like an outsider. I'm a professional actress now, and I felt like an outsider in a field I knew I was going to pursue. I think we were all really smart and funny in a different way. And when we did My Mother's Fleabag, all of a sudden we were accepted on some level."

Part of that acceptance, of course, comes in the form of the adulation of screaming fans. At shows in O'Connell House, each Fleabagger has his or her own cheering section, from which shouts of "Go Homer!" "Christine!" and "Yeah, Dan!" emanate. Students come armed with hand-drawn signs that say things like "Casey Lane rocks our world"; starstruck girls bat their eyelashes and whisper, "I think they're really cool" and hero-worshipping boys brag, "That's Homer. I know him."

In groping for words to describe the feeling this gives them, Fleabaggers past

The goal is to be provocative—not tasteless. "One of the things we're told when we enter the group is that sex isn't funny," says Homer Marrs.



and present all revert to the same metaphor: "I need to have this drug called improv"; "It's like getting injected with laughter heroin"; "It's the crack cocaine of stage productions; you get addicted to laughs."

"We get a unique high that comes from being onstage," Marrs says, "even if it only comes for a moment. All we did is walk out there and people were going nuts. We all share that, and it's like we're part of this really small collective, and those memories are really strong. The energy we feel onstage is something that carries over. It's the kind of elation you don't get from other friendships."

Acceptance from the audience, however, appears to mean little in comparison with the acceptance of the group itself. These are people who arrive on the BC campus iconoclasts in a conformist world, and, according to several alumni, the kind of unconditional approval offered by the group—"Once a Fleabagger, always a Fleabagger" is another motto—can literally change their lives.

"I was kind of overwhelmed when I went to BC by the homogeneity," says Amy Poehler '93, a star of Comedy Central's *Upright Citizens Brigade*. "I was surrounded by rich prep-school kids, and I didn't come from that world. Fleabag was filled with the kind of strange and beautiful and crazy people who were different in all the right ways."

Poehler and Improv Boston's Ron Jones both say that many of their best friends to this day are former cast members. "We found in each other a way of moving through the world that gives us great joy," Jones says. "Who wouldn't want that in their lives all the time, and who wouldn't want people in their lives who can give that to them all the time? I only chose to do Fleabag in response to needing an outlet for a lot of bad stuff that was going on. I can't even fathom what my college experience would have been like had I gone somewhere else and not had to deal with the same things."

Matt Tortoro '99 is more specific: "After I got in, it really struck me: I am part of something that is greater than me. I had never met these guys before, but I just said, 'Wow, this is my family.'"

"There's a whole mental-health support group thing going on," says Homer Marrs. "Everyone has a different relationship with Fleabag. For me, it was a real turnaround at a hard time. I probably would've transferred if I didn't get in, or gone abroad. I wasn't very happy. I thought I was a big

loser before I got into Fleabag." He pauses. "Now I still think I'm a big loser, but I have a hundred times the confidence in every part of my life."

Jones, the historian, believes it goes back to Del Close, the "improv master guru" who studied with Viola Spolin and taught some of the biggest names to pass through Second City. "One thing Del Close was absolutely sold on was the concept of the group mind," Jones says. "When we are doing this we're doing this together. We essentially become one great big brain, and what it does for each of us as individuals is make us that many times smarter, that many times stronger, that many times more bold. It's a world where you know you're going to win, and you're going to win because everyone there wants you to win."

Alison Martin has a more spiritual take. "I bet it's Nick," she says. "There are all these stories about people that Fleabag has helped on an emotional level. I bet that has something to do with Nick looking down on them."

The night of the Big Show, as the house lights dim and the spotlights brighten, Courtney Chapman has to shout to lasso the crowd's attention. She's leading the opening improv, "Standing, Sitting, Kneeling," in which, as they enact the scene the audience has chosen for them, one of the three Fleabaggers onstage has to be standing, one sitting, and one kneeling at all times.

Simple enough. But at one point, early on, when Marrs stands, Hart fails to kneel.

The audience jeers, throws things.

Still, Hart refuses to bend.

"*Why aren't you kneeling?*" Marrs finally yells. "You're supposed to kneel!"

"*Why should I kneel?*" Hart shouts back. "*You kneel!*"

The air is thick with tension. You can practically hear the alumni wondering what's gone wrong.

Then, suddenly, they notice Katy Brennan at the top of the stairs with a blaring boombox, and erupt with hysterical relief.

"What are you fighting for?" Brennan yells over the clamor.

"What are we *fighting* for?" Marrs asks, looking incredulous. "We're fighting for—"

"*MY MOTHER'S FLEABAG!*" they all shout.

Yes. And.



SPATIAL Relations

[A TALE OF FOUR ROOMS]

A PHOTO-ESSAY BY LEE PELLEGRINI TEXT BY CHARLOTTE BRUCE HARVEY

I wanted to create a place where people could come and work in a serious atmosphere,” says Michael Connolly, “where if your eye strayed, it might settle on something fruitful.” The room’s theme, he says, gesturing toward a row of prints hung just below the ceiling, is St. Petersburg, and the prints depict a panorama of the city in 1820. “The artist was Angelo Toselli—an Italian.” He shrugs, as if disappointed by the inconsistency.

Connolly is chairman of the department of Slavic and Eastern Languages, a small group whose seriousness of purpose this little seminar room seems to embody. Connolly has woven other semi-

otic messages into the space. At one end of the room is a narrow étagère laden with Russian icons. “You can find an icon corner in any Russian home,” he says. On the floor in front of the little shrine is a Bijar prayer rug. “The black background is unusual,” Connolly observes. “I like the way it picks up the black in the bookcases.

“There’s an organic unity to the room—parts talking to parts to make a whole,” he adds. Then, with a bargain-hunter’s thrill, he boasts that the mahogany reproduction-antique conference table was a castoff from a local bank and the upholstered

chairs were cadged from O’Neill Library (“students kept leaning back in them and the legs came unglued, so the library replaced them with something indestructible”). A makeshift grill over fluorescent ceiling lights (“a 40-buck piece of plastic”) and standing lamps give the room a warm glow—a necessity since the over-washed and misshapen linen curtains are permanently drawn to protect the department’s reference library from sunlight.

The room “is based on a European institute model,” Connolly says. It houses the core of a small collection, which is cataloged in the style of the Lenin Library (now the Russian State Library) in Leningrad: Books are grouped by category, and within category by size. Catalog numbers are hidden decorously on the books’ sides, rather than exposed on the spines. On the seminar room’s black steel shelves, the books form neat runs, precisely aligned for visual and symbolic impact. Sacred texts dwell up front near the icons, and secular concerns prevail down by the windows.

“There’s something sacramental about the space,” Connolly says. “When students enter, the baseball caps evaporate.”

[LYONS HALL 210-A]





It's not as well organized as I'd like it to be," conceded the occupant of this office. He agreed to an interview only on the condition of anonymity, and only via the media of telephone and E-mail. When *Good Morning America* interviewed him recently, the film crew chose not to shoot his office. "They said it would undermine my credibility," said Professor X. To an inquiry about the contrast between his academic reputation for orderly thought and the disordered state of his work space, he responded by E-mail: "Hey, haven't ya heard about chaos theory!!!"

We asked whether he collected all this paper deliberately, laying

in supplies against some incipient crisis, such as a computer crash. No, he said. "Right now what you see is accretion. I keep paper and it reproduces itself. I'm notoriously behind schedule, and just never get around to throwing things out." Cleaning his office would take days, he estimates, and he can't spare the time. To a suggestion that other people treat their homes and offices as an extension of their selves, their egos, he replied: "Now why do you suppose my office is not an extension of my ego? Maybe my ego is a mess, too."

He wrote: "My wife, believe it or not, is a neatnik. Somehow we have remained married for 22 years. She reigns in the house. But the barn is

pretty much mine." The barn, he said later on the telephone, is 40 by 60 feet, filled with 20-some file cabinets—in "about the same shape as my office."

He referred us to his colleague Elizabeth Sparks, an associate professor of education. Her office, by way of contrast, is immaculate, like a tasteful suburban living room ever ready for guests. "She gave me advice on how to make my office less threatening to students," said Professor X. When we called, she laughed. "He prides himself on being the absent-minded professor," she said, "and he's got it *down*."

Professor X was on sabbatical last year, and when he dropped by the office one day he met a new custodian assigned to the building. "So you're the one who has this office," she told him as they both approached the room. "The first time I opened the door and looked in, I just screamed and slammed the door right away."

Even chaos has its upside. When the education experts in the Clinton administration couldn't find a key document they needed recently, they called the Lynch School, hoping someone would have it. No luck. But a colleague thought of Professor X.

"I told him, I can't put my hands on it this minute, but give me a couple of days," Professor X recounted. "And I did. It took some digging, but I found it."

[SOMEWHERE IN
CAMPION HALL]

Beside the door of John McDargh's office, a tiny box across a noisy linoleum-tiled hallway from an even noisier bank of elevators in Carney Hall, hangs a crucifix he received after his grandfather's death. It had always hung over his grandfather's bedroom bureau. When McDargh opened the package, he found that Jesus' left hand was gone, broken in transit. "I like it better that way, actually," says McDargh, an associate professor of theology. "It reminds me that we have to supply the left hand of God." Besides, he gibes, this wasn't a particularly beautiful crucifix to start with. "The missing hand gives it purpose."

McDargh has lined his office with rough-sawn pine shelves that are jammed not only with well-worn paperback theology and psychology texts—his specialty is the intersection of the two fields—but also with religious icons from around the world. There is space for just two chairs, and the room calls to mind a Jungian therapist's office, brimming with the stuff of Everyman's and Everywoman's dreams.

McDargh introduces each object with the name of the student or alumnus who gave it. "Bill

Gregory, my teaching assistant, gave me the kinte cloth from Ghana. He was there in the Peace Corps." He points to a silk painting of St. Joseph: "Christian Albertson found that in a bazaar in Katmandu." A hanging icon lamp was the gift of two Palestinian Muslim brothers, Yousef and Fadi Sarandah, who bought it at their uncle's religious articles store in East Jerusalem.

"I use these objects in my teaching, as well," McDargh says. He offers a course called "The Religious Quest," and at the start of each semester he brings in a dozen or so icons, asks students to pair up, and gives each team an object. Their task is to identify the religion in which it is used and then to locate and talk with someone who can show them what the icon really means in that faith—how a believer would actually *use* it.

McDargh holds out a wooden statue of Jesus, crudely carved and weighted with grief. "This little statue is from Poland," he says. "I gave it to a Korean student, and after a week of living with it in his room, the student told me he was really moved by the encounter. He felt the meaning of the statue was that perhaps God feels our sadness—this is from a guy who's a Buddhist."

[CARNEY HALL 401]





John Steczynski's office, across the hall from the airy drawing studio atop Devlin Hall, is as densely packed as a late-summer honeycomb. There are shelves of statuettes, rows of hanging lanterns, cardboard boxes labeled "gods" and "goddesses." All of these objects—hundreds and hundreds of them—are props he uses to teach drawing. And there are hundreds more down the hall in a props closet shared by fine-arts faculty. That Steczynski does not dust goes without saying. The very suggestion draws a smile. "But I do sometimes blow on something before I bring it into the classroom," he says.

"I wonder sometimes why I am so compulsive about props," Steczynski muses, "and the right props. I think it basically comes to a kind of sacramental paradigm for teaching. I'm trying to find objects that incorporate the lesson to be learned—so that students, by looking at the objects themselves, will absorb the lesson I want them to learn." Although, he admits, "I do sit around lecturing." Then, as if to demonstrate that capacity, Steczynski ponders the question aloud for the next half hour.

"Some of the things in this office are explicitly religious," he says, gesturing toward a shelf full of statuary. "Others—I like the Jungian term *numi-*

nous—have a kind of aura about them, a sense of the mystical, the holy.

"I'm always surprised by the extent to which my Roman Catholicism affects my sense of aesthetics," he continues. "I think the notion that physical things embody the sacred within them is what a lot of Protestants find pagan about Catholicism, but I feel more of a connection with paganism than I do with something like Unitarianism, as much as I admire it on other levels." For many people, he says, good and evil, spiritual and physical, are immutable opposites. "I find that most Protestants who do religious art do abstract art." Steczynski's own artwork is intensely physical—fecund with bodies and bones—and concerned with religious themes: the apocalypse, for instance.

He describes showing a new faculty member the props closet and watching her flinch at the skulls. "Things that are taboo are taboo because they are seen as powerful," he says, "and people are afraid of their power. If they're handled at all they're handled with a lot of care." He points to sun-chastened antler racks on the wall above his head and a collection of ceremonial masks around them. "Blood is taboo. Sexuality can be taboo. It's not because it's bad; it's because it's powerful. It's sacred. It has energy."

[DEVLIN HALL 422]

UPWARD MOBILITY

The Ever to Excel Campaign passes the halfway mark

"There is no doubt that quality faculty are drawn to universities that offer the most endowed chairs," said Physics Chairman Kevin Bedell, a Los Alamos research scholar who was named the inaugural John H. Rourke Professor.

With \$226 million pledged to date, the Ever to Excel Campaign is more than halfway to its \$400 million goal.

Individuals, corporations, and foundations have responded generously to the challenge to reinforce Boston College's leadership position in higher education.

"The Campaign is enabling Boston College to compete for some of the best scholars in the nation—in areas in which we need to excel," said University President William P. Leahy, SJ. Among the Campaign's goals is the creation of 100 new professorships to enhance the teaching and research capabilities of individual departments and the University as a whole.

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By building the University's endowment, the Campaign is also significantly increasing funds available for student financial aid, thus ensuring that talented students are able to choose Boston College. In addition, the Campaign is helping to finance campus construction and to provide current-use funds for a variety of needs.

Donors at all levels have come forward in record numbers, say Campaign leaders. "The overwhelming response the Campaign is receiving demonstrates the powerful commitment alumni, parents, and friends feel to the values and mission of Boston College," said Campaign cochair and Trustee Geoffrey T. Boisi '69. The other cochairs are

University Chancellor J. Donald Monan, SJ, and Trustee Jack Connors, Jr., '63.

Thus far, 49 individuals, corporations, and foundations have made Campaign commitments of \$1 million or more. The top individual donations to date include a \$20 million anonymous contribution; a gift of more than \$10 million to the School of Education by Peter S. '65 and Carolyn Lynch, in whose honor the school was renamed; a \$5 million contribution by Geoffrey '69 and Rene '69 Boisi, to establish the Boisi Center for Religion and American Public Life; a \$5 million commitment by John '54 and Margarete McNeice in support of student retreat and volunteer programs; and a gift by John Corcoran '49 that is enabling the University to launch a Center for Christian-Jewish Relations.

NEWTON COLLEGE ALUMNAE ISSUE GIFT CHALLENGE

Four Newton College graduates have issued a challenge to their fellow alumnae: For every dollar contributed to the Newton College Alumnae Professorship in Western Culture, the group will give another dollar, up to \$400,000.

The four alumnae, Cathy Brienza '71, Kathleen Doran Hegenbart '67, Beth Cooney Maher '71, and Kathleen McGillycuddy '71, have committed up to \$100,000 each toward the challenge.

As of late 1999, Newton College alumnae had pledged close to \$500,000 toward the professorship. In February the four alumnae announced their challenge, which will raise the total to more than \$1 million.

The professorship will preserve the name of Newton College and honor its traditions by recognizing its undergraduate core course "Study of Western Culture."

LEADING LIGHTS

BC establishes Gasson Society for top donors

Boston College is launching the Gasson Society, a new premier annual giving society and the first since President's Circle was founded in 1983.

"The Gasson Society represents a new height donors can reach for," said Trustee Thomas F. Ryan, Jr., '63, chair of the society. "Its members will ensure the success of the Ever to Excel Campaign and will strengthen Boston College for many years to come."

Leadership annual giving to the BC Fund has an enormous impact on the University's ability to expand its standards of excellence in teaching, research, and student formation. To acknowledge the vital role leadership donors play, the Gasson Society will include those who

contribute \$10,000 or more in a given fiscal year.

Gasson Society members will be recognized in the annual donor report and will be invited to participate in special events during the year.

Donor societies have been part of the University's advancement program since 1973, when the Fides society, for those who donate \$1,000 or more annually, was created. That was followed by the President's Circle, for donors of \$5,000 or more. Both programs have been highly successful; President's Circle reached the 1,000-member mark last year.

The new society is named for Thomas Ignatius Gasson, SJ, president of Boston College from 1907 to 1914, who



Thomas F. Ryan, Jr., '63

envisioned and carried out the move from the South End to Chestnut Hill. "As Fr. Gasson brought Boston College to the Heights, the Gasson Society will bring support for the University to new heights," Ryan said.

GOING LIVE

This fall the BC Alumni Association will launch a new Web site, featuring a range of online services. The site will offer a searchable alumni directory; live chat and streaming video, both of which can be used in distance-learning applications; E-mail forwarding so that alumni can use a permanent E-mail address associated with Boston College; career resources; alumni club and volunteer resources; and personal alumni Web pages. Alumni will be able to gain access to these services by entering a user name and a personal identification number.

IN TRIBUTE

The following endowed funds were recently established at Boston College. New funds may be established and contributions to existing funds may be made through the Office of Development, More Hall.

PROFESSORSHIPS

- The Norma Jean Calderwood University Professorship in Islamic and Asian Art
- The Craig and Maureen Sullivan Millennium Chair in Irish Studies

STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND PRIZES

- The Richard J. Barrett '89 Memorial Scholarship Fund
- The Boston Collaborative Fellowships Fund at the Lynch School of Education
- The D. Scott and Tracy Brown Endowed Scholarship Fund
- The David J. Coyle Family Scholarship Fund
- The Dunphy Scholarship Fund
- The Jennison Scholarship Fund
- The Elizabeth Bowman John Scholarship Fund
- The Mara Family Endowed Scholarship Fund

LEGAL FUND

Grant to Law School will support international programs

Robert A. Trevisani '55, JD'58 has made an endowed gift of \$125,000 to the Law School through the Commonwealth Charitable Foundation to foster existing and new programs in international law.

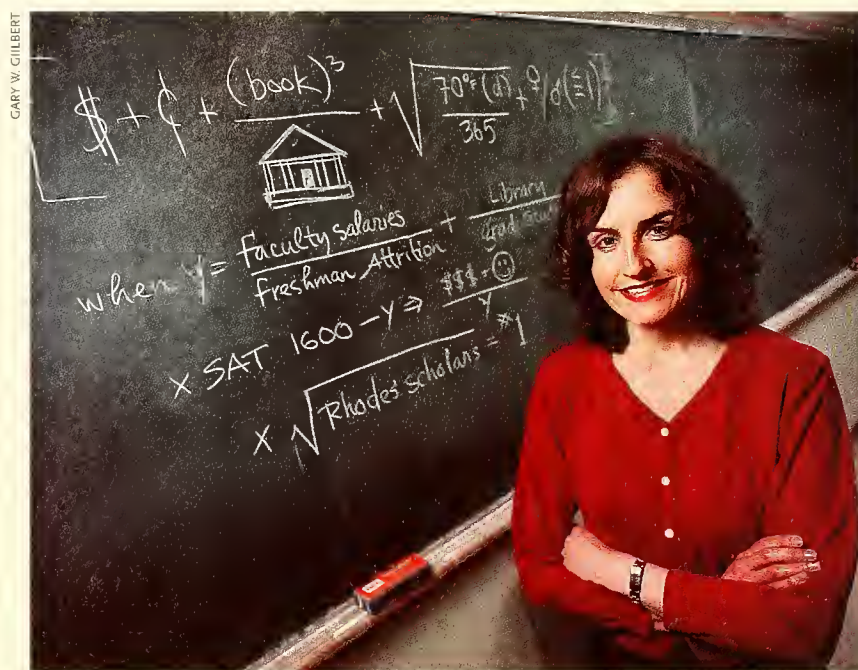
Trevisani, the foundation president and founder, said income from the grant is to be combined with previous foundation gifts to develop "pro-

grams and projects that further the Law School's presence and importance in the field of international law and in the international law community."

The uses of fund income can vary, from the teaching of international law to projects that further international human rights.

"As the world moves closer to the reality of the global vil-

lage, international law—and particularly respect for human rights and the rule of law—takes on increased importance," said Trevisani. "The Commonwealth Charitable Foundation felt that supporting the Law School, with its tradition in international law and human rights, is an investment in the welfare of people the world over."



Quality controllers

In 1999 the California Institute of Technology ranked ninth in *U.S. News & World Report's* survey of higher education. A year later it jumped to number one. Can a university improve that fast? For her dissertation, "Quantifying Quality," Marguerite Clarke Ph.D.'00 examined *U.S. News's* methods.

An interview by Anna Marie Murphy

What happened with Caltech? Did it improve or did *U.S. News* change its formula? Basically, the formula is a moving target. The magazine has changed its methodology virtually every year since the rankings began. When *U.S. News* produced its first ranking—of undergraduate programs only—in 1983, it relied on a single indicator: reputation. The editors surveyed college presidents around the country and asked them which were the best schools. The magazine reported Stanford to be the best university, cited by 48.8 percent of respondents.

Because of the reaction from univer-

sities—which was essentially, "Maybe you should incorporate some more objective measures"—*U.S. News* began expanding its methodology to include test scores, student-faculty ratios, the percentage of faculty with Ph.D.s, graduation rates, and so on.

Any year-to-year rise or fall should be interpreted cautiously. Is it really a change in the school's performance? Or is it a change in *U.S. News's* formula? Caltech is a good example. In the past decade, it has always been in the Top 10. The reason it went to number one last year is that *U.S. News* started applying a procedure called "standard-

ization" to its measurements. When it looked at per-pupil spending on academics, for instance, it considered not just which schools ranked first, second, or third, but also the disparities in that spending among the schools. As it turned out, Caltech, spending \$192,000 per student, invests vastly more than any other U.S. university, and more than twice as much as Harvard, Princeton, or Yale, the schools that had previously shared first place in the *U.S. News* rankings.

Presumably, Caltech spends more per student because the sciences are so much

more expensive to teach. Does this mean that the rankings are skewed toward schools with a scientific emphasis?

In two ways, yes. First, the indicators *U.S. News* has been using for measuring financial resources—by bundling research budgets in with per-pupil spending on instruction, for instance—add value to institutions with programs that can bring in research money. As a result, colleges and universities with strong science and engineering programs have for some time benefited uniquely. Now, standardization takes that advantage and boosts it further.

Why so much tweaking of the formula?

When I asked Robert Morse, director of data research at *U.S. News*, he essentially said to me, “Look, it’s an ongoing process. We’re trying to keep improving these rankings so they are a better measure of academic quality.” Sometimes the formula changes with the availability of new types of data, such as when the American Bar Association began disseminating bar-passage rates a few years back. And sometimes the formula changes in response to criticisms from the schools themselves.

Some would call the input from schools special-interest lobbying. When the magazine began adjusting faculty salaries for cost of living, for instance, that was perceived by observers in academe to be the result of pressure from universities in the Midwest; the change hurt schools on the coasts.

Interestingly, if you track *U.S. News*’s explanations of the changes in the law-school indicators over the years, you’ll find enough passing references to “the response from law schools” to conclude that law schools have been particularly vociferous critics. And indeed, the law-school indicators have undergone twice as many changes as any other kind of program. From 1995 to 2000, only 30 percent of the law indicators remained the same. This compares with 70 percent of the undergraduate measures.

What aspects of the rankings draw the most complaints from colleges?

There’s nothing wrong with the individual indicators that *U.S. News* uses. It’s nice to know a college’s freshman-retention rate, for instance. But things get tricky when the editors assign these indicators weights—“Let’s see, 25 percent for academic reputation, 20 percent for faculty resources, 5 percent for alumni giving,” to cite examples from the current undergraduate-school formula—and start lumping them together to produce one number that represents overall academic quality. It’s a one-size-fits-all measure that doesn’t take into account the individual mission and nature of a school.

In 1996 *U.S. News* introduced a new indicator it called “value-added” that has taken a lot of flak. Focusing on students’ incoming test scores and on the amount of money schools spend educating their students, the value-added indicator measures whether a school graduates more or fewer students than expected.

Given this measure, couldn’t a college take in a couple of dozen students with SAT scores of 1600, sit them in front of a television for four years, and see its ranking rise? There is something to that. The largest share of *U.S. News*’s student indicators are input indicators, which means the magazine is measuring what students bring with them to a school—class rank, test scores. Where the rankings fall down is in measuring what a school *does* for its undergraduates in four years. How much do they learn? The editors at *U.S. News* say they would love to get more outcome measures but the data aren’t available.

So the issue is how academic quality is defined, whether by consensus or by convenience. Are *U.S. News*’s results shaped too much by the kinds of quantifiable information that schools readily make available?

There is no global formula, no magic set of indicators that gets factored into

academic-quality rankings. When *AsiaWeek* ranks universities across Asia, it uses one formula. When London’s *Sunday Times* ranks British colleges and universities, it uses another. They’re all very much influenced by what data is readily available. The *Sunday Times*, for instance, provides a measure of teaching quality—by subject area—which *U.S. News* does not. The *Sunday Times* gets this information from an independent association that monitors higher education, the Quality Assurance Agency, and from public organizations. These agencies actually go out and assess how well subjects are being taught. The *Sunday Times* also factors in research quality, a measure it gets from a government source.

U.S. News, on the other hand, has usually collected its data directly from schools. One of the biggest criticisms has been the lack of consistency in how colleges and universities interpret what they are asked to report. Take the test scores, for example. According to anecdotal evidence, the scores of international students, students with different kinds of disabilities, and even minority students who come in under special programs have not always been included by all universities.

U.S. News has tried to tighten up on such inconsistencies by cross-checking the numbers with data from other organizations, such as debt-rating agencies and the National Collegiate Athletic Association. They’ve also tried using shame, by listing the law schools that have given them inaccurate LSAT scores, for instance.

Is it possible to measure the impact *U.S. News* rankings have had on universities?

A survey published two years ago by researchers at UCLA found that only 10 percent of students pay serious attention to the rankings. These tend to be high-achieving, academically competitive, and affluent individuals.

A more recent paper published by the National Bureau of Economic

Research gives a darker view. The authors, James Monks and Ronald Ehrenberg, looked at the effect of colleges' ranks in a given year on the quality of the applicants that the schools attracted the following year. They found that when schools fell in the rankings, fewer good students (in terms of test scores) applied, and the colleges' admissions offices had a harder time getting the students they accepted to enroll. These colleges were compelled to give out larger grant awards to entice students to enter. When schools moved up, the reverse happened. You have to wonder how much *U.S. News* is measuring academic quality and how much it's measuring the public's reaction to its own rankings.

The pressure, if you're low in the rankings, falls on the admission office. In fact, some of the recent increase in early-decision programs may have come from schools strategizing to improve both their SAT scores and their yields. Anecdotal evidence also suggests that some admission officers actually encourage applications from students they don't plan to admit in order to reach a more selective admit-tance-per-applicants ratio.

Admission officers are struggling with a real quandary: How can they bring in students who are socioeconomically diverse or talented in specific areas if they lower the school's test scores and that, in the public's view, reflects on their institution's quality?

There have been some rebellions against the rankings, haven't there?

Reed College, in Oregon, refused to participate in the 1995 survey, and *U.S. News* dropped it to the fourth tier, after having placed the school among the Top 10 in 1983. The magazine eventually restored Reed to a second-tier ranking, using data from other sources. The drop was seen as a lesson in what can happen if you don't send in your information.

In 1997 Alan Stone, the president

of Alma College, in Michigan, led a boycott of the rankings. Only about 5 percent of colleges agreed to withhold their data, and the effort fizzled. That same year Stanford and a number of other institutions began posting their data on their Websites, in an attempt to break *U.S. News*'s grip on the information. Law schools took their case directly to prospective students in 1998. The deans of 91 percent of the nation's law schools sent a letter entitled "The Law School Rankings May Be Hazardous to Your Health" to more than 90,000 applicants.

Some administrators choose not to fill in the academic-reputation surveys *U.S. News* sends them. The magazine asks them to rate comparable schools on a scale of 1, meaning "marginal," to 5, "distinguished." A school's reputation among its peers still accounts for 25 percent of the undergraduate-school ranking; 40 percent of the ranking for the Big Five graduate programs (business, education, engineering, law, and medicine); and 100 percent of the specialty rankings in areas such as the arts, sciences, and social sciences. Many of the magazine's reputation surveys have had a response rate below acceptable standards—in the 30-to-50-percent range.

It's ironic: Several years ago, *U.S. News* tried to create rankings for schools of journalism and media studies. The rate of survey returns was so low the editors disbanded the project and never attempted it again.

How does *U.S. News* respond to the criticisms leveled against its methodology?

In speaking with past and present editors of the section, I got the sense that they're slightly jaded from being under attack all the time. The first college-ranking issue came out toward the end of the same year the National Commission on Excellence in Education issued "A Nation at Risk," its influential report blasting the quality of education in America. In the editors' view, they're providing a service the public seems to

need and want. After all, the academic rankings are among the magazine's top-selling issues.

The editors try to be responsive to criticism, but, as one said to me, "You know, maybe we wouldn't have so much influence if the colleges did this themselves."

Schools complain a lot about the rankings, but if you ask why they don't rise up and produce their own formula, the answer is that there is probably a lack of agreement within the higher-education community on what constitutes academic quality. There isn't the same kind of quality-assurance measure in the United States that there is in England—or the will to create one.

At the risk of making them even more jaded, how would you suggest that *U.S. News* change its approach?

I don't see any educational value to ranking colleges and universities annually. Academic quality doesn't generally change that fast. Annual rankings only have value—and in this case it's commercial value—if you're tweaking the formula every year. Then you have a horse race, and people buy the issue to see who's won.

Even with all of the changes to the formula, the same schools emerge in the Top 50 time and again, at both the undergraduate and the graduate levels. These institutions usually break down into three groups that shuffle among themselves. *U.S. News* would be more accurate to place schools in bands, rather than ranking them individually.

Finally, there's the issue of secrecy. *U.S. News* doesn't release all the data it uses. You won't find faculty salaries in the magazine, for instance. When I asked a current editor if I could look at the information, he replied that the database wasn't set up for outsiders and they had no protocol for releasing it.

There's no reason the magazine couldn't post the data on its Website. These rankings have influence, and there should be some kind of access and accountability.

Partners in crime

FBI AGENTS JOHN MAHONEY '64 AND MAUREEN MAHONEY '91



In fourth grade Maureen Mahoney brought her father to school for show-and-tell. “He came in and fingerprinted all the kids,” she says.

“All they wanted to see was the gun,” her dad recalls.

Until John Mahoney’s retirement in April, the two were a rarity: father-daughter FBI agents. For three years the Mahoneys worked arrests together, stood side by side at firearms training, and confused each other’s guns and bullet-proof vests at the end of a weekend at home in New Jersey.

Now 58, John Mahoney joined the FBI in 1970, after two tours of duty in Vietnam with the Navy and a brief stint as an auditor with DuPont. (“It wasn’t for me,” he says.) For the FBI, he tracked down Army deserters, insurance frauds, and bank robbers, specializing in white-collar crime at the end of his career. “You’ve seen *The Sopranos*?” he asks. “I worked a lot of the guys that show’s modeled after. Little Pussy Russo and his brother Big Pussy were cat burglars. That’s how they got their names. Little Pussy was eventually killed as he opened his motel room door. The shot threw him back onto the bed. We all called it a crib death.”

In high school Maureen considered a career of her own with the FBI, and at BC she majored in accounting, knowing it was the best way to get into the bureau. “It was in the

back of my mind,” she says. Did her dad encourage her? “We kind of talked about it,” says John, “but I didn’t have any apprehension once she told us she was doing it.” Maureen’s mother, however, worried about her daughter being in a traditionally male occupation, and about the job’s impact on her life outside of work.

When Maureen graduated from the FBI Academy, in 1997, her father was on stage to pass his own badge on to her. Like him, she specializes in white-collar cases, working out of the New York City office, the bureau’s largest. On April 20 she was one of the arresting agents in the Tennessee seizure of James Rinaldo Jackson, a suspect in a fraud case involving nearly \$750,000 worth of diamonds, Rolex watches, and stolen credit cards. “I can’t talk about that,” she says over breakfast with her father at a Manhattan diner.

“It’s an ongoing case,” John nods. “Can’t talk about ongoing investigations.”

But they can discuss the years they worked together. “Mom would get nervous when we sat around the kitchen table and talked about different bullets,” says Maureen.

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Outgoing Graduate School of Social Work Dean June Gary Hopps (right) with University Trustee Jack Connors, Jr., '63, and Eileen Ahearn Connors '66, MSW'95. Photograph by Gary W. Gilbert.

Turning point

SOCIAL WORK

The Jesuit commitment to service resonates strongly with Eileen Ahearn Connors '66, MSW'95 and Boston College Trustee Jack Connors, Jr., '63—as is evidenced by their pledge of \$2.5 million to establish the Louise McMahon Ahearn University Chair in Social Work. The new endowed professorship, named for Eileen Connors's mother, will enable the Graduate School of Social Work to hire an outstanding scholar in the field.

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